A Demonstration of New Creation

God is in the name-changing business because he is in the business of changing lives. We can learn a lot about how God works in our lives by studying how Jesus worked with his disciples. One day, Andrew took his brother, Simon, to meet Jesus for the first time. The meeting was very short and to the point. Jesus took one look at Simon and said,

*"You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).* John 1:42

Jesus had plans for Peter. Peter had no idea what Jesus had planned for him. Jesus would take Peter deep into God's will and produce rock-like character and strength that would change the world. Jesus would do the same with all of us even today.

Take the time to ponder and wonder about all the names given to us because of the gospel. We are called saints, children of God, the faithful, blessed, Christ's ambassadors, the temple of the Holy Spirit, the body of Christ, clean, beloved, righteous, called, chosen, overcomers, holy and blameless. God is in the name-changing business because he is in the business of changing lives. His promise will come alive one person at a time. The power of God will do all that his Word proclaims as we yield to his plans for us.

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**John 1:40-42**

■ GOD’S MIRACLE

 Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13

 Romans 3:23-24

■ EXCLUSIVE MIRACLE

 John 1:12-13; 3:3

 2 Corinthians 5:17

■ COOPERATIVE MIRACLE

 ▪ Learn how to obey Matthew 28:18-20

 Mark 8:34

 ▪ Learn how to learn Psalm 119:71

 ▪ Learn how to stay close to Jesus