

God is out changing peoples names

What might God re-name you? What would this new name say about you or make you different than you are now?

"When Jesus saw him, he said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas (which means "Rock")" John 1:42

Change is hard. When you are a teenager change is both a friend and an enemy. Voices change, friends change (almost daily), and your body goes through so many changes it's hard to keep track. Parents, schools and churches tell you you have to change your music, your hair and your clothes.

What if someone came along and wanted to change your status? Status by definition means "the position of an individual in relation to another or others". What if God wanted to change the way you felt about life, about others and about Him?

Jesus changed Peter's status. His real name Simon meant "Obedient". His changed name meant "Rock". If you put that together he was an obedient rock. Peter was anything but a rock in the short term. He was hotheaded, he sank when he tried to walk on water and he denied Jesus three times. Jesus did not name him "rock" because that is what he was, it's possible Jesus named him that because of what he would become. He was the first preacher on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36) and one of the chief apostles of the early church.

Write your first and last name in a different way.

God is still transforming people today. God is giving people new names. He is wanting to change the way we see ourselves and Him. He names us righteous, forgiven and free even when we do not feel that way. Are you ready for God to change your status? Just pray and ask.

Other name changes: Genesis 17:1-5, 35:9-13,

Send God a comment (prayer). Lord, I want a new identity, I want...