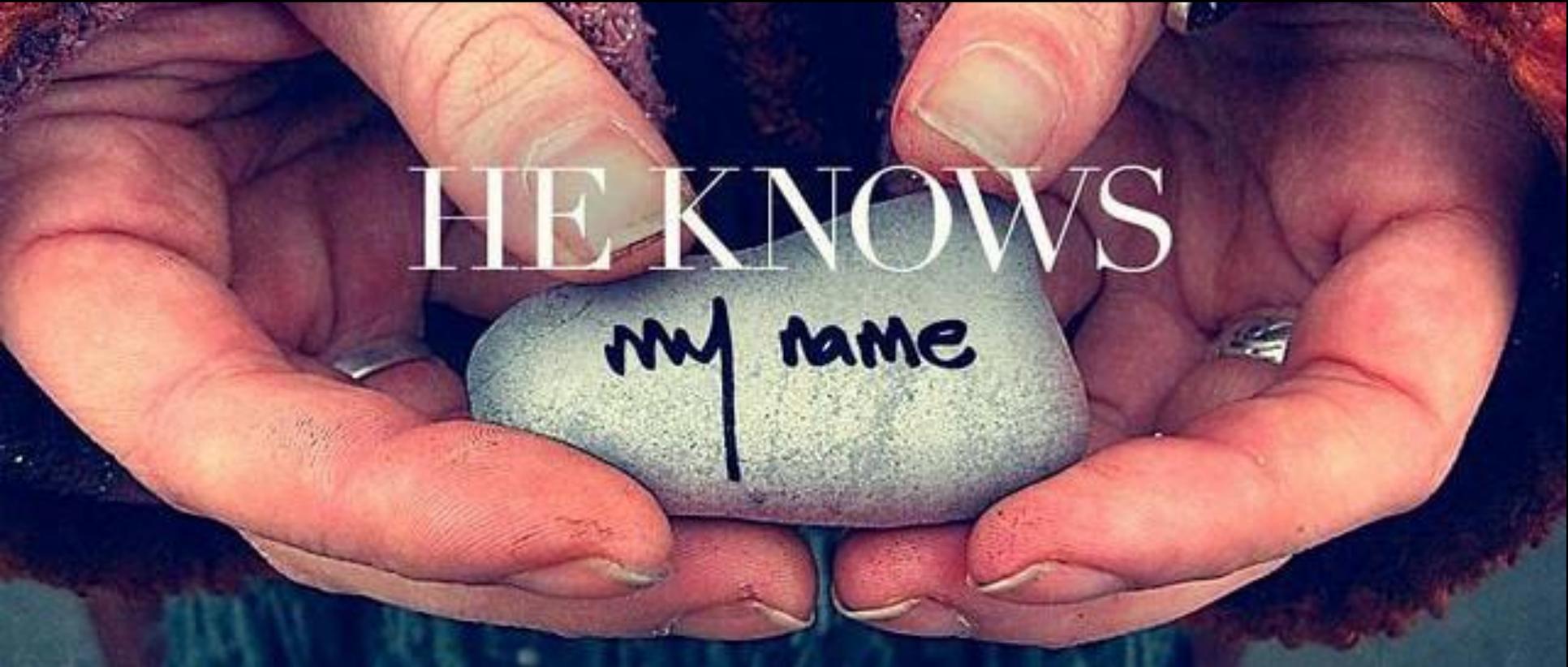

Following Christ to the Resurrection

Part 6 – The Name Your Heavenly Father Gave You



Revelation 2:12-17

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“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:

Revelation 2:13

“I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me.

You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

Revelation 2:14

“But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.

Revelation 2:15

In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.

Revelation 2:16

Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:17a

“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven.

Revelation 2:17b

And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

...And I will give him a white stone and
on the stone a new name which no one
knows except him who receives it.

Revelation 2:17



Purposes of Biblical Names

- A biblical name could record some aspects of a person's birth. (*Esau, Jacob*)
- Biblical names sometimes expressed the parents' reaction to the birth of their child. (*Isaac*)

Purposes of Biblical Names:

- Biblical names could be used to communicate God's message. *(Immanuel)*
- Biblical names were also used to establish an affiliation with God. *(Isaiah – Yahweh is salvation)*

Purposes of Biblical Names

- New biblical names were given to establish or indicate a new beginning or new direction in a person's life. (*Abraham, Sarai, Israel*)

Principle #1

When God gives a child of His a new name, it indicates an expansion of the covenant relationship. A new name is the greatest of privileges as it foreshadows blessings and destiny.

Principle #2

The white stone with the new name that Christ will give to those who are victorious in faith, will perfectly reflect and reveal to you your God Breathed Identity.

Your God Breathed Identity

The culmination of the unique ways in which God has created you to highlight specific attributes of His character and to fulfill His will. It is what makes you unique in the Kingdom of God. It is what makes you God's masterpiece.

Your God Breathed Identity:

Your God Breathed Identity comes with unique personality, values, convictions, passions, circumstances, purposes, roles, skills, abilities, giftings, experiences, blessings, failures, struggles, situations, heartbreaks, brokenness, anointings, etc.

Principle #3

God will re-name each of us in accordance with the transformation of our heart and character by the power of the Holy Spirit into Christlikeness to reflect the new and altogether unique God Breathed Identity each of us has received by grace.

The white stone with your new name, which will perfectly embody your God Breathed Identity will reflect the perfection of the new creation in which you will be a participant. Your God Breathed Identity will be suitable for the new heavens and the new earth in which you will dwell for all of eternity.

Principle #4

Discovering your God Breathed Identity starts here and now and requires a progressive journey in the development of your obedience, holiness, character, heart, gifts, abilities, etc., which are all accomplished by the transformative works of the Holy Spirit.

Your God Breathed Identity is

- **Someone only you can be.**
- **Something that only you will be able to understand.**
- **Someone that only you can become.**
- **Something that only you can do.**

Principle #5

Your God Breathed Identity, which will be reflected in your new name, will transcend whatever shame, regret, disappointment, sin, struggle, failure, reputation, stain, etc. that negatively defines you now.

Principle #6

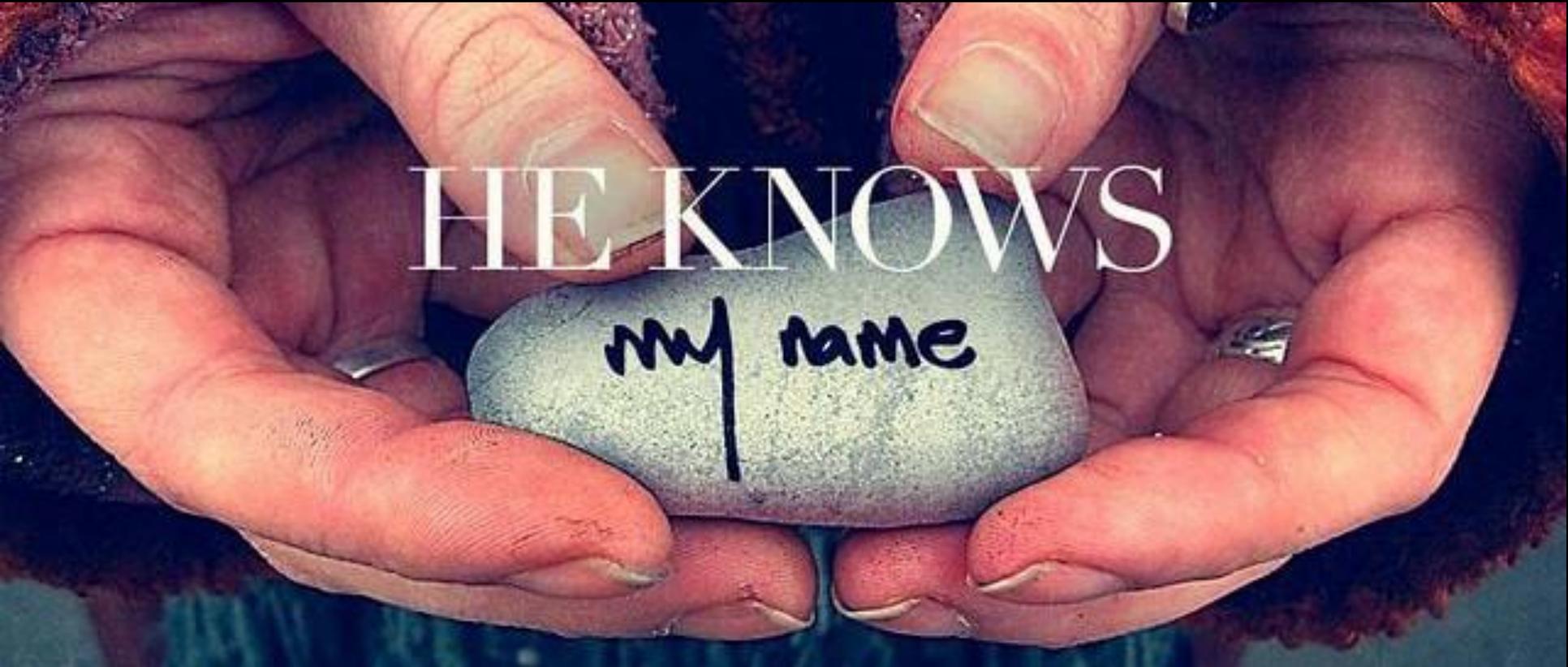
Your new name, which will perfectly embody your God Breathed Identity, will reflect the battles that you have fought, sufferings that you have endured, tests and trials you have won, and it will illustrate who you have become because of your faithfulness and God's grace.

Principle #7

This new name, that only God and you know, is the testimony of your spirit and it is how God sees you. God sees the new creation in you, which is the result of your faithfulness to Him and His commandments and that is what you will be for all eternity.

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