



## [Matthew 28:19](#)

(19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We have been baptized into *the name*. Since being baptized and receiving God's Holy Spirit, we bear that same name! It is our spiritual Family name—[God!](#)

Does that have any effect on the way that we conduct our lives? Do we ever think that we bear that name? No, most of the time, we think only of the name that has been passed on to us by our fathers or the name that we have taken due to marriage. We are now immersed into the Family of God and bear the name of God. Even as a son physically bears the name of his father, we now have this spiritual Family name.

The first commandment has to do with *what* we worship—the Almighty Creator. The second commandment deals with *how* we worship: We worship in spirit and in truth. The third commandment covers the *quality* of our personal witness to everything that the name we bear implies.

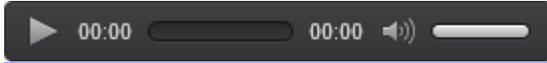
[Proverbs 22:1](#) says, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold." One's name might be considered a person's most valuable asset. Since we bear the name of God, it is most precious. The third commandment says, "You shall not bear the name of the LORD your God in vain."

What are we doing to uphold the Family name? Are we guiltless? Are we clean in our bearing of it? What is our witness like before men? What is our

witness like before God? These questions need to be asked, now that we know that we bear that name. How high of a quality is our Christian lives?

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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