

What's Does YHWH
Call His Church?

“ . . . of God

- a mountain
- angels
- spirit
- laws
- the Temple
- various other things . . .

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- man of God . . .
 - Moses
 - Samuel
 - Elijah
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Assembly, congregation



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The Bible refers to the entire Body of Christ or an individual congregation by the name most English versions translate as “the church of God,” and to more than one congregation as “the churches of God” (plural). In 12 instances in the New Testament, the name of the Church occurs with the distinction “of God” (e.g., [Acts 20:28](#); [1 Corinthians 10:32](#); [1 Corinthians 11:22](#); [1 Corinthians 15:9](#); [1 Timothy 3:5](#)). This is in keeping with Jesus’ prayer on the night before His death, “Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me” ([John 17:11](#)).

Yet because the Church is the Body of Christ and has been referred to as “the church,” we also see the description “the church of God” is the common name. And we also see place names used to signify particular congregations. For example, we read of “the church of God which is at Corinth” ([1 Corinthians 1:2](#); [2 Corinthians 1:1](#)), “the church in Cenchrea” ([Romans 16:1](#)) and “the churches of Galatia” ([Galatians 1:2](#)). Again, the reference is to a called-out gathering of people.

<https://www.ucg.org/booklet/fundamental-beliefs/church>

Using the term “God” in your assembly’s name.

- “God” is not a name, it is a title
 - It can represent the god of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - It can represent the judges of Israel
 - It can represent the ‘gods’ of the nations
- Titles do not represent a specific person or being

Being Specific in Regards to the Assembly's Name.

- “To reference the God of Abraham
 - use the term YHVH

^{KJV} Isaiah 42:8 I *am* the LORD: **that is my name**: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
 - use the term “God of the Hebrews”

Church of God or Church of Christ?

... and I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and ...

עַמִּי אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל

Ami Yisrael

Used at least 27 times; always refers to Israel

KJV 2 Samuel 3:18 Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save **my people Israel** out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

NKJ 1 Kings 6:13 "And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake **My people Israel.**"

NKJ 2 Chronicles 6:6 'Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there; and I have chosen David to be over **My people Israel.**'

עַמִּי אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל

Ami Yisrael

If they are good or bad, they are still . . .

NKJ 1 Kings 16:2 "Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust and made you ruler over **My people Israel**, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made **My people Israel** sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins . . .

NKJ Jeremiah 7:12 " But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of **My people Israel**.

NKJ Amos 7:8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am setting a plumb line In the midst of **My people Israel**; I will not pass by them anymore.

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Ami Yisrael

in the New Testament . . .

^{KJV} **Matthew 2:6** And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule **my people Israel**.

עַמִּי אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל

Ami Yisrael

‘Lo-ammi’ - not my people . . .

^{NKJ} **Hosea 2:23** Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!' "

People of YHVH

לְעַם לַיהוָה

“le-am l’ YHVH”

NKJ Deuteronomy 27:9 . . . "Take heed and listen,
O Israel: This day you have become **the people
of the LORD** (YHVH) your God.

God places His Name on His People

ESV Numbers 6:22-27 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ "So shall they **put My name upon the people of Israel**, and I will bless them."

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Galatians 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the **Israel of God**.

**Does it really matter what
you call yourself?**

When walking contrary to Him,
God's people Blaspheme His Name!

^{KJV} **Isaiah 52:5** Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; **and my name continually every day is blasphemed.**

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^{ESV} **Matthew 7:21** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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Do we:

- Have love one for another?

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

ESV John 13:35

YHVH's People who are Called by His Name

... if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

ESV 2 Chronicles 7:14

שְׁלוֹם לָכֶם

Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You