

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: John 15:15 (GNT)

Message Title: A New Name!

Current/Scripture Context:

- One of the **manifestations** of the grace of God is that after we commit our lives to Him, He gives each of us a new **name**.
- God is in the **name** changing and **life** changing **business**!
- When God **elevates** you, He does so because He has **seen** in you, something that is able to be **used** to build powerful **relationships** with others.
- Understand, though, that there are some **things** and some **people** that you cannot take with you to your **promotion**.
 - Leave your **attitude** down there
 - Leave your **grudges** down there
 - Leave your **condemnation** down there
 - Bring your **compassion**; bring your **faith**; bring your **gifts**
- In this scintillating **segment** of the **Scriptures**, Jesus says that you are not **servants**, because I have a new name for you...my **friends**!

Relevant Question:

- What does my new name mean for me?

Sermon Observations:

1. You have a **heavenly appointment**!
2. You are called to be an **ambassador**!

Calvary Connection:

- Our **friend** Jesus was our ambassador! And this JESUS was born in **Bethlehem**; dressed in swaddling **clothes**; laid in a **manger**; **baptized** in the Jordan; hated by the **world**; **forsaken** by friends; **oppressed** by enemies; **persecuted** by the **government**; **arrested** like a criminal, **beaten** by a mob, **nailed** to a cross, **wounded** in the side, and **crucified** at Calvary! HE was dead on Friday, **buried** on Friday, **guarded** on Saturday...but early on **Sunday** morning, HE got up with all power!

Personal Reflection: Do people around you know that you are a friend of Jesus? If so, how do they know? If not, why don't they know?