

Upholding the Name

Several centuries before Christ, Alexander the Great came out of Macedonia and Greece to conquer the Mediterranean world.



He didn't know it, but God was using him to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah – for it was a result of Alexander's conquests that Greek was established as the common language of the Grecian and later Roman empires.

On one of his campaigns, Alexander received a message that one of his soldiers had been continually, and seriously, misbehaving and thereby shedding a bad light on the character of all the Greek troops. And what made it even worse was that the soldier's name was also Alexander.

When the commander learned this, he sent word that he wanted to talk to the errant soldier in person. When the young man arrived at the tent of Alexander the Great, the commander asked him, "What is your name?"

The reply came back, "Alexander, sir."

The commander looked him straight in the eye and said forcefully, "Soldier, either change your behavior or change your name."

This story has a lesson for us. If we call ourselves Christians, we are identifying with Jesus Christ.

When we wear a cross or put Christian stickers on our cars, we are being a witness for Him. We are being identified with the name of Jesus Christ.

Is our behavior compatible with that name and with the symbol that shows us to be Christian?

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