

The “Name” of the Church

- **Rom 16:16**, “churches of Christ”...?
- **1Co 11:16**, “churches of God”...?

Are you “Adam”?

- **Gen 5:2**, “**male AND FEMALE...named THEM Man [Adam, KJV, NKJV]**”...?
- **Gen 3:20**, “**the man [Adam, KJV, NKJV] called his wife's name Eve**”...?
Gen 5:1

Arbitrary

"Adam"

- First man
- Wife" Eve
- Address: Eden
- Age: 930 yrs.

Could call him "Bull" and these things be true of him just as well.

Descriptive

"Adam" - i.e. man

Why not "Bull"?

"Bull" *describes* an adult male animal ...

- animal
- adult
- male

Note: could *arbitrarily* name a bull, "Adam"

“church of Christ” *describes*

body of believers redeemed in Christ

Mt 16:18; Ac 2:41,47; Heb 12:23;

1Co 12:13...27; Heb 1:3...22-23

“church of Christ” *describes*

***body of believers working and worshipping together as a team
in a community in those duties peculiar to their being in Christ***

> Rom 16:16 “churches of Christ greet you”

C. 1Co 1:2; 5:4,5; 11:17f; 14:26; 16:1f

T. 1Th 1:1; 5:12,27

E. Ac 19:1...5, 9; 20:17...28,32; 1Tim 1:3-5; 3:15; 5:16

> A. Ac 11:20-21...26; J. Ac 15:4,22; 20:17...28

Arbitrary Uses

- **National Council of "Churches of Christ"**
- **"Church of Christ Scientist"**
- **"United Church of Christ"**
- **"Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints"**
- **"Churches of God"**
- **"Church of Christ" song., college, pulpit, prchr**
"Baptist Church"? "Lutheran Church" ? - arbitrary
"Church of Christ" church just as arbitrary!

How know...? 1Th 5:21-22