

Jeshurun, My Chosen One
Part I: A Name to Remember

1. Our old Nicknames...do we dare remember?
2. God has always loved and placed special emphasis on the names that He gives to people (Patriarchs, Prophets, etc.)

God's Most Special Nickname for His People: *Jeshurun*.

I. Jeshurun and Israel

⇒ *Jeshurun* occurs four times in the OT
(Deut.32:15; Deut.33:5; Duet.33:26; Isa.44:2)

⇒ *Jeshurun*

Heb. "Upright One" or "Righteous One"

— *Jeshurun* was an ironic name, a name that wasn't earned!

— No matter what happened, God never stopped loving His *Jeshurun*.
In fact, *Beloved* is another meaning of *Jeshurun*!

— Heb. *Jeshurun* = Gk. "Beloved"

II. Jeshurun and Jesus

⇒ *Jeshurun* was not only reserved for God's chosen people of the OT.
Jeshurun (Beloved) is the very name which was given by the Father to Jesus!

⇒ Eph.1:5-6

— God's special name for His Firstborn son (Ex.4:22) was extended to His Unique Son (Jn.3:16), Jesus the Christ.

— In Jesus was perfect *Righteousness* (Mt.3:15; Jn.8:29). Jesus fulfilled the name which Israel could never live up to!

*** It is through/because of Jesus that God could look on Israel and call them *Jeshurun*.
Because of Jesus, Israel was Righteous; the same is true for us today.

III. Jeshurun and the Church

⇒ *Jeshurun (Beloved)* is extended even further...
to God's NT Chosen People—The Church.

⇒ We have inherited the special nickname of Israel and of Jesus himself!

— We are God's *Jeshurun, His Beloved*
(e.g. Col.3:12; I Thes.1:4; *II Thes.2:13*; Jude 1)

— At the Heart of *Jeshurun* is the *Grace* of God:

- 1) Based on God's Righteousness, not our own
- 2) We receive the Unconditional Love of God
- 3) Because of this we have Comfort, Hope

*** This give us great comfort/hope because:

- 1) God's Love for us is not based on what we do.
- 2) God's Love for us strengthens us to *be* who we *are*.

*** **Jeshurun: "Righteous and Beloved"**

- 1) in spite of what we have done**
- 2) in light of what God has done**

[Next week—Part II: A calling to live out]