



*Whose Face
&
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WHOSE FACE & NAME IN THE PICTURE?

When I first saw this petite lady it was with my mother at her church worship service. She sat right across the aisle in the same row we were sitting in. I was struck by three things when I met her.

First, I was struck by her **face**. A face filled with *meekness and gentleness*.

Second, I was struck by her **name**. She had the exact same name as my mother before she married, "*Sumiko Chinen!*"

Third, they shared **common roots and stories**; both are *Okinawans* who came out of *personal hardship, poverty, and are survivors of World War II in Japan* during their youth. Both eventually immigrated to Hawaii and *became Christians* there where, as seniors, they crossed paths as *members of the same church family!* *Is that Coincidence or Providence of God?*

What's in the Face and the Name?

Sumiko's face and name pointed me to an even **greater Face, Name, Root, and Story** in which we share as believers! The apostle Paul referred to Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord as the One characterized by "*meekness & gentleness*" (2 Cor. 10:1). Those who believe in him *see him face to face being transformed into his image* (2 Cor. 3:18), and are *the meek who shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind who shall exult in the Holy One of Israel* (Isa. 29:19), and who shall one day inherit the earth (Mat. 5:5) and bear His Name! (Rev. 22:3-4)

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*** Isaiah 9:6 ESV

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins!.... Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (God with us).***" Matt.1:21, 23 ESV

*No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*** Revelations 22:3-4 ESV

In this year of unprecedented challenges and uncertainties may you "*turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face*" and know Him by His Great Name and Bigger, Greater Story of Grace!

With much Joy and Hope in Christ this Christmas and New Year!

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