

The Book of Life

Introduction

1. We understand that the Bible has all the answers to everything that God knows that we need to know about.
2. One of the things God wants us to know is that we must have our names entered into the Lamb's book of life in order to gain entrance into an eternity with Him.
3. In our lesson this morning we will examine what is in this book, who does the writing and who are and who are not written in it.
4. Each one of us should have a fervent desire to have our name in the book of life and then to do what God has asked of us in order to keep it there!
5. Let's make sure that our salvation is secure in Christ!

Revelation 20:12-15

6. We sing songs regarding the book of life.
 - A. What is that book about which we sing?
 - B. What does the Bible tell us about it?
 - C. Since we know that those who are saved are written in it, what can we do to make sure that we are there?
 - D. Those who are lost are not in it. What things would cause our name to be not written there?
 - E. Is it possible for that name to be blotted out?

What Is This Book?

1. It is called the book of life.

A. Spiritual life.

B. Abundant life.

C. Eternal life.

2. It brings joy to those who are written in it.

Luke 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

3. It is called the book of life of the lamb.

Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

4. It contains the names of those who are saved.

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5. It does not contain the names of those who are lost.

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6. It contains some blotted out names.

Exodus 32:32-33 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written. And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life.....

Who Does the Writing?

1. God.

Exodus 32:32-33 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written. And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”

2. Jesus.

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Who Are Written in This Book?

1. The saved

Revelation 20:12-15

2. Those who continue to keep sin out of their life.

Revelation 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

3. Those who are holy.

Isaiah 4:3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.

4. Those who have been delivered.

Daniel 12:1-3 At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. **And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.** Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

5. Those who labor in the kingdom.

Philippians 4:3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names are in the Book of Life.**

6. The church.

Hebrews 12:23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn **who are registered in heaven**, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Who Are Not Written in This Book?

1. Those who sin.

Exodus 32:32-33 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written. And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”

2. Those who oppose the righteous.

Psalms 69:27-28 Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.

3. Those who do not overcome.

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

4. Those who worship the beast.

Revelation 13:6-8

Revelation 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

5. Those who take away from God's words.

Revelation 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Conclusion

1. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life?
 - A. If you are a Christian, has your name been blotted out?
 - B. If you are not a Christian this morning, in order to have your name recorded in the book of life you must.....
 - 1) Hear the word.
Romans 10:17
 - 2) Believe with all your heart.
Hebrews 11:6
 - 3) Repent of your sins.
Acts 17:30
 - 4) Confess Jesus as the Son of God.
Matthew 10:32
 - 5) Be Baptized for the remission of your sins.
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

