

Is My Name Written There?

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Introduction: Rev. 20:11-15

I. WHAT IS THE BOOK OF LIFE?

A. In the Law of Moses

1. Ex. 32:32-33 - God's record of the righteous began long before the New Testament was written
2. Psalm 56:8 - God's record of all of our sorrows
3. Psalm 69:28 - A book that contains a record of the righteous
4. Psalm 139:16 - God's record of all of our days
5. Daniel 12:1-2 - A guide and list for angels who will help in the Judgment
6. Mal. 3:16 - A heavenly being, writing in the presence of God, a list of those who fear God and keep His word

B. In the words of Jesus

1. Luke 10:20 - It is a book open enough for the righteous to know whether their names are written in it - 1John 5:13, 20

C. In the epistles of the apostles

1. Phil. 4:3 - Other righteous persons can have confidence that the names of their faithful fellow Christians are written there as well
2. Heb. 12:22-23 - It is a list of the saved in the church
3. Rev. 13:8 - God has known the names in the book from the beginning.
4. Rev. 17:8 - Those who are not in the Book will believe and marvel, but not enough to obey and enter the Book

I. HOW DOES A NAME ENTER THE BOOK?

A. Things that do not enter one's name into the Book

1. Morality alone - Acts 10:2, 11:14; Matt. 7:21-23
2. Keeping the doctrines of men - Matt. 15:9
3. Being conscientious - Acts 23:1, 26:9
4. Believing my name is there - Acts 19:1-5

B. A name is entered when one obeys the Gospel

1. Lord adds the saved to the church - Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:22-23
2. Those in New Jerusalem have names written there - Rev. 21:27, 22:14

II. HOW IS A NAME BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK?

A. "Once saved always saved" is a myth similar to that of Big Foot, the Yeti, and the Loch Ness Monster

1. Ex. 32:33 - "Hebrew machah: to erase; abolish, blot out, destroy, put out, utterly wipe away" (Strong's)
2. Rev. 3:5 - "Greek exaleipho: to smear out, obliterate, blot out, wipe away" (Strong's)

B. Things that will blot out a name from the Book

1. Failing to overcome - Rev. 3:5
2. The love of money - 1Tim. 6:10

3. The love of the world - 1John 2:15
4. Leaving the first love of God - Rev. 2:4; Heb. 3:14
5. Luke-warmness - Rev. 3:16
6. Works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19, 21

Conclusion:

- A. Rev. 20:15 - If your name has been registered and written but has been wiped out or erased, you must repent and ask to God to forgive you.
- B. John 3:21; 1John 1:5-10