

The Lamb's Book of Life

The Bible mentions a very important heavenly record containing names of those redeemed by Jesus Christ. This Book is named as the Book of Life or in some verses, the Lamb's Book of Life.

This is a very important book because only those whose names were found written in the Book of Life were granted eternal life. Those whose names were not found in the Lamb's Book of Life perished. The most important question before us today is this:

How do I get my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

In the Old Testament, we can already find some references about a book or record that God keeps. One such example is in **Exodus 32:32-33**. Here Moses is pleading with the Lord to spare Israel from their sin of making and worshipping the golden calf.

As Moses intercedes to the Lord on behalf of sinful Israel, he tells the Lord this: if He will not forgive Israel, then blot his name out of His book. The Lord heard the prayer of Moses and says this: ***"Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."***

From these verses, we can see two major facts:

First, God keeps a book;

Second, those who sin can be blotted out of His book.

We can see the same two concepts in **Psalms 69:28**. Again, we see the existence of a book being kept by God and sinners be blotted out of His book. In **Psalms 56:8**, we read further evidence that God keeps a book and remembers the actions of those who are written in that book. In **Psalms 139:16**, we read another reference of God keeping a book about our actions and about who we are.

In **Daniel 12:1**, we read about a time of trouble that was to come upon Israel in the last days of their covenant with God. It states here that God will deliver everyone whose names are written in His book from this time of great tribulation.

This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus told the first century believers to flee when they saw Jerusalem surrounded by armies. (**Luke 21:20-22**) Those who obeyed the words of Jesus were delivered from this great time of tribulation.

We find another reference to God keeping a book of remembrance in **Malachi 3:16-17**. The ones who spoke often about the goodness of God to one another and the ones who thought often about His Name, these were the ones who got God's attention.

The Bible says God heard every word and even reads the thoughts of His people and writes them all down in a book of remembrance. These are the ones who God identifies as His jewels and as His sons whom He will spare.

In **Luke 10:20**, Jesus Himself refers to a written record in heaven. Here we read how the disciples were so filled with joy because of all the supernatural wonders that they did through the Name of Jesus. This is when Jesus emphasized the most important thing of all: rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

In **Philippians 4:3**, the Apostle Paul refers to names written in the Book of Life. In this verse, we get some more insight into the characteristics of those whose names were in the Book of Life.

They were all fellow-laborers with Paul in the Gospel. No doubt these individuals were part of the first century church who had been born again by believing and obeying the Gospel message as it was first delivered on the Day of Pentecost.

The next mention of the Book of Life is found in **Revelation 3:2,4-5**. Here we read about the condition of the church in Sardis. They were definitely struggling spiritually to the point of spiritual death.

Jesus encourages them to strengthen that which remains, to hold fast, and to repent. Jesus gives a promise to those who overcome their struggles: their names would **NOT** be blotted out of the Book of Life.

This implies that those who do not overcome but choose rather to continue to “defile their garments in sin” and turn away from the Lord, would have their names blotted out of the Book of Life.

In **Revelation 13:8**, we read about those whose names are not written in the Book of Life: they were deceived to worship the beast. We read about this same scenario in **Revelation 17:8**. Those whose names were not in the Book of Life were deceived by the beast.

In **Revelation 20:12**, we read how the Book of Life was opened at the White Throne judgment. Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (**Revelation 20:15**)

The next reference to the Book of Life is found in **Revelation 21:27**. Here we read that only those whose names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life were allowed to enter into the New Jerusalem.

Notice that now the word “**Lamb’s**” is added to the phrase “**Book of Life**”. This specifies that only those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, were written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

The last reference to the Book of Life, is found in **Revelation 22:19**. A very severe warning is issued to anyone who adds anything to the prophecy of this book or takes anything away from the prophecy of this book: they shall be removed from the Book of Life.

After reading all of these descriptions of who is in the Book of Life and who could be removed from the Book of Life, we must ask ourselves how do I get my name in the Book of Life and keep it there?

As long as we remain in our sins and trespasses, in the eyes of God, we are dead. **(Ephesians 2:1, 4-5)** Common sense tells us that our names are added to the Book of Life when we become spiritually alive by believing and obeying the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. **(Romans 6:4-8)**

When we are born again of the water and of the Spirit, we become spiritually alive. **(John 3:3,5,7)** We are no longer dead in our sins but are born again without the sin factor this time. **(Acts 2:38-39)**

This is the Good News of the Gospel message.

Conclusion

Life is a great gift that is given to every human being. What we do with this gift is our own decision. If we want forever in our lives; if we want something beyond this life; if we want to be set free from the sin death that we were all born into; if we want to not only be alive physically, but be alive spiritually, we must be born again by believing and obeying the only Gospel message we find in the Bible. When we believe and obey the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, we have no more sin death in our lives.

After our names are initially written in the Lamb's Book of Life, we must follow the examples given to us in the Scriptures. We must continue to speak often about Him and continue to think upon His Name.

We must continue to be fellow-laborers in the Gospel and grow in knowledge and in grace. We must continue to overcome daily and keep our garments undefiled. We must make sure that we remain in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem which is the Church.

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