

Questions About Predestination and Foreordination of Names Written in Book of Life

Predestination and Foreordination

Did the Lord create some people for heaven and other people for annihilation? Is everyone born sinners, yet our names started out written in the Lamb's Book of Life? How does someone's name get blotted out? Can a person repent and have their name restored back into the Lamb's Book of Life?

Answer:

This is a deep and powerful question — one that goes to the heart of God's character, human freedom, salvation, and eternal destiny. Let's walk through it step-by-step with clarity and Scripture.

1. Did God create some people for heaven and others for annihilation?

No. The Bible teaches that **God desires all people to be saved**. He did **not create anyone for destruction**. The idea that God pre-selects some for salvation and others for damnation **without regard to their choices** is a distortion of Scripture and contradicts the heart of the Gospel.

“The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” — 2 Peter 3:9

“[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” — 1 Timothy 2:4

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” — John 3:16

Truth:

- God **foreknows**, but He does not **predetermine** people's salvation or destruction.
- His **foreknowledge** does not cancel out human **free will**.
- We are not robots. Love requires **choice**.

2. Is everyone born sinners?

Yes, Scripture teaches that all humanity inherits a sinful nature due to the fall of Adam and Eve: **“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”**— *Psalms 51:5*

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” — *Romans 3:23*

However, this doesn’t mean infants are guilty — it means we’re all born **with a fallen nature** and a **need for grace**, which God freely provides through Jesus.

3. Were all names originally written in the Lamb’s Book of Life?

The Bible suggests that names are **written in the Book of Life** from the foundation of the world: **“The beast... whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world...”**— *Revelation 17:8*

This implies that **names were written**, and some were later **removed** (or “blotted out”). It is consistent with God’s desire that **everyone starts with the opportunity for salvation**.

4. How does someone’s name get blotted out of the Book of Life?

“Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”— *Exodus 32:33*

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

Blotting out a name happens when someone persistently, deliberately **rejects God’s grace and refuses to repent**. It’s not about occasional failure — it’s about willful rebellion and final rejection of Christ.

5. Can someone repent and have their name restored into the Book of Life?

Yes. The very heart of the Gospel is that God is **merciful, forgiving**, and always calling people back to Himself.

“Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts.— *Malachi 3:7*

“Let the wicked forsake his way... and return to the Lord... and He will abundantly pardon.”— *Isaiah 55:7*

As long as a person is alive and **willing to repent**, their name can be written again, because: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”— *1 John 1:9*

Final Summary:

Truth	Scripture Reference
God wants all to be saved	1 Timothy 2:4
We are born with a sinful nature	Romans 5:12
Names can be written and blotted out	Exodus 32:33, Revelation 3:5
Salvation is by grace, through faith	Ephesians 2:8–9
Repentance restores relationship with God	Acts 3:19

Closing Thought

God is love. He never gives up on you. Your name matters to Him.

If you’re asking this question — you’re still listening for His voice. And that means **He’s still calling you.**

“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” — Hebrews 4:7