

# THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE

[Rev.20:11-15](#)

- A RECORD KEPT IN HEAVEN
- AN ENROLLMENT
- NAMES CAN BE BLOTTED OUT
- RELATION TO OUR DESTINY.

Have you ever considered how many **DIFFERENT** places our **NAMES** are written?

For Example, Our **NAMES** are written in **PLACES**, such **AS**,

- a **Birth** certificate;
- a **Driver's** license;
- a **Marriage** license;
- **Contracts**;
- And Eventually, on a **grave marker**.

There is **ANOTHER** place -- Most **IMPORTANT** document of all,  
in which WE will **WANT** to make absolutely **CERTAIN** that our name is **RECORDED**.

That document, the Bible calls **THE BOOK OF LIFE**, and will be the **TITLE** of the lesson this morning.

There definitely **IS** such

## **I. A RECORD KEPT IN HEAVEN**

- A.** Paul knew of **THE BOOK** and its importance, as he speaks of,
- “fellowlabourers, whose **NAMES** are **IN** the **BOOK** of **LIFE**.” ([Phil.4:3](#))
- B.** It is **NOT** a school honor roll, a Who's Who, Book of Records, etc.
1. In this life, All will eventually be forgotten and finally burn

### **C. Some think the Book of Life is the New Testament; – but Apparently NOT.**

The New Testament **DOES** have to do with **LIFE**, as the Bible says,

- “It is the **SPIRIT** that quickeneth; the **FLESH** profiteth **NOTHING**:  
the **WORDS** that I speak unto you, they are **SPIRIT**, and they are **LIFE**.” ([Jn.6:63](#))

Speaking with Jesus, Peter said,

- “thou hast the **WORDS** of eternal **LIFE**.” ([Jn.6:68](#))

And the New Testament will be **OPEN** at the **Judgment**, as Jesus said,

- “He that **REJECTETH** me, and receiveth **NOT** my **WORDS**, hath one that **JUDGETH** him:  
the **WORD** that I have spoken, the same shall **JUDGE** him, **IN** the last day.” ([Jn.12:48](#))

### **D. But Notice, that the BOOK OF LIFE is IN Heaven, as Jesus said,**

- “rejoice, because your **NAMES** are Written **IN** Heaven.” ([Lk.10:20](#))

In the first century, the ability to perform miracles was a source of joy ([Lk.10:17](#))

But a greater blessing, is to have one's name **ENROLLED** in Heaven.

We've noticed that there is **A RECORD KEPT IN HEAVEN**, but notice also, That There is,

## II. AN ENROLLMENT

### A. No sinners are Registered IN that Document.

John said,

- "I saw **NO temple** therein: for the **Lord God Almighty** and the **Lamb, ARE the temple OF** it.  
<sup>23</sup> And the **CITY** had **NO need** of the sun, **NEITHER** of the moon, to shine **IN** it:  
for the **GLORY** of God did **LIGHTEN** it, and the **Lamb** is the **LIGHT** thereof.  
  
<sup>24</sup> And the **NATIONS** of them, which are **SAVED**, shall walk in the **LIGHT** of it:  
and the **KINGS** of the earth do **BRING** their glory and honour **INTO** it.  
  
<sup>25</sup> And the **GATES** of it, shall **NOT** be shut at all **BY day**: **FOR** there shall be, **NO night** there.  
<sup>26</sup> And they shall bring the **GLORY** and **HONOUR** of the nations **INTO** it.  
  
<sup>27</sup> And there shall in **NO** wise **ENTER** into it, **ANY THING** that defileth,  
**NEITHER** whatsoever **WORKETH** abomination, or **MAKETH** a lie:  
**BUT** they which are **WRITTEN** in the **Lamb's BOOK** of **LIFE**." (that's [Rev.21:22-27](#))

By implication, **there is an enrollment of DEATH**.

Anyone who chooses, can enter therein. **Notice these few passages.**

- "(For **MANY WALK**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even **WEEPING**, that they are the **ENEMIES** of the cross of Christ: <sup>19</sup> whose end is **DESTRUCTION**, whose God is their **BELLY**, and whose glory is in their **SHAME**, who mind **EARTHLY** things.)" ([Phil.3:18-19](#))

Never forget that spiritual things pertaining to the gospel, **TRUMP** physical or earthly things.

- "the **Lord knoweth HOW** to deliver the godly **OUT** of temptations, and to **RESERVE** the **UNJUST**, unto the day of judgment to be **PUNISHED**:  
<sup>10</sup> but **CHIEFLY**, them that walk **AFTER** the flesh, **IN** the **LUST** of uncleanness, and **DESPISE** government.

**PRESUMPTUOUS** are they, **SELFWILLED**, they are not afraid to speak **EVIL** of dignities.

<sup>11</sup> Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring **NOT** railing accusation **AGAINST** them before the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> But these, **AS** natural brute beasts, **MADE** to be taken and destroyed, **SPEAK** evil of the things that they understand **NOT**; and shall utterly **PERISH**, in their **OWN CORRUPTION**;" ([2Pet.2:9-12](#))

### B. Only God's people are IN His Book (which is a matter of personal choice, by the **DECISIONS** we make).

Those **IN** the Lamb's Book of Life, are those who,

- "are **COME** unto mount Zion, and unto the **CITY** of the **LIVING God**, the **HEAVENLY Jerusalem**, and **TO** an innumerable **COMPANY** of **ANGELS**,  
<sup>23</sup> **TO** the general assembly, and **CHURCH** of the **FIRSTBORN**, which are **WRITTEN** in **HEAVEN**, and **TO God** the **JUDGE** of all, and **TO** the **SPIRITS** of **JUST MEN** made perfect," ([Heb.12:22-23](#))

To those who would **COME**,

- "the Lord **ADDED** to the church **DAILY**, such as should be **SAVED**." ([Acts 2:47](#))

Those

who **WANT** to be included in the Lamb's **BOOK** of **LIFE**, will **NEED** to,

- “**BEHAVE** thyself **IN** the **HOUSE** of **God**, which is the **CHURCH** of the living **God**, the **PILLAR** and **GROUND** of the **TRUTH**.” ([1Tim.3:15](#))

Those who **WANT** to be included in the Lamb's Book of Life, are those who **FEAR** Him, and **THINK** on His Name

- “Let us **HEAR** the conclusion of the **WHOLE** matter: **FEAR** **God**, and **KEEP** His commandments: for this is the **WHOLE** of man.” ([Ecc.12:13](#))
- “they that **FEARED** the **LORD** spake **OFTEN** one to another: and the **LORD** **HEARKENED**, and **HEARD** it, and a book of **REMEMBRANCE** was written **BEFORE** him, for them that **FEARED** the **LORD**, and that **THOUGHT** upon His name.  
<sup>17</sup> And they shall be **MINE**, saith the **LORD** of hosts, **IN** that day **WHEN** I make up my jewels; and I will **SPARE** them, **AS** a man **SPARETH** his own son that **SERVETH** him.” ([Mal.3:16-17](#))

### C. So our **VITAL** concern, is to **MEET** all conditions, to be **HIS**

- “and **IF** **children**, then heirs; **HEIRS** of **God**, and **joint**-heirs **WITH** **Christ**; **IF** so be that we suffer **WITH** Him, that we may be also glorified **TOGETHER**.” ([Rom.8:17](#))
- “who hath **DELIVERED** us, **FROM** the power of **DARKNESS**, and hath **TRANSLATED** us, **INTO** the kingdom of His **DEAR** SON:  
<sup>14</sup> **IN** whom we have redemption **THROUGH** His blood, **EVEN** the forgiveness of sins:” (reads [Col.1:13-14](#))
- “Therefore **IF** any man be **IN** **Christ**, he is a **NEW** creature: **OLD** things are **PASSED** away; **BEHOLD**, all things are become **NEW**.” ([2Cor.5:17](#))
- “For ye are **ALL** the **CHILDREN** of **God** **BY** faith **IN** **Christ** **Jesus**.  
<sup>27</sup> For **AS** many of you, **AS** have been baptized **INTO** **Christ**, **HAVE** put **ON** **Christ**.” ([Gal.3:26-27](#))

We've noticed that there is a **RECORD** kept in heaven,  
That there is an **ENROLLMENT**, but notice also,

### III. **NAMES CAN BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK**

“He that **OVERCOMETH**, the same shall be **CLOTHED** in white raiment; and I will **NOT** **BLOT** OUT his name, out of the **BOOK** of **LIFE**, **BUT** I will **CONFESS** his name **BEFORE** my Father, and **BEFORE** His angels.” ([Rev.3:5](#))

#### A. We are grateful that man cannot **BLOT** our names **OUT**, but Moses realized that **God** **CAN** do so.

- “(when) Moses **RETURNED** unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a **GREAT** sin, and have **MADE** them gods of gold.<sup>32</sup> Yet now, if thou wilt **FORGIVE** their sin—; and **IF** not, **BLOT** me, I pray thee, **OUT** of Thy **Book**, which Thou hast **WRITTEN**.  
<sup>33</sup> And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned **AGAINST** Me, him will I blot **OUT**, of **MY** Book.” ([Ex.32:31-32](#))

We **MUST OVERCOME** to keep our name there ([Rev.3:5](#))

**How do we overcome?** Not by merit, but by God's grace through faith.

Jesus said,

- “**EXCEPT** a man be **BORN** of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” ([Jn.3:5](#))

[1Jn.5:4](#) tells us,

- “For whatsoever is **BORN** of God **OVERCOMETH** the world: and this is the **VICTORY** that overcometh the world, **EVEN** our faith.” ([1Jn.5:4](#))
- “For we are made **PARTAKERS** of Christ, **IF** we **HOLD** the beginning of our confidence, **STEDFAST** unto the **END**,” ([Heb.3:14](#))

Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> century were told,

- “Fear **NONE** of those things, which thou shalt **SUFFER**: **BEHOLD**, the devil shall **CAST** some of you, **INTO** prison, that ye may be **TRIED**; and ye shall **HAVE** tribulation ten days: **BE** thou **FAITHFUL** unto **DEATH**, and I will **GIVE** thee, a **CROWN** of **LIFE**.” ([Rev.2:10](#))
- “To him that **OVERCOMETH** will I grant to sit **WITH** me in My Throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down **WITH** My Father in His Throne.” ([Rev.3:21](#))

Those that **CHOOSE** to overcome,

- “are kept **BY** the power of God **THROUGH** faith **UNTO** salvation **READY** to be revealed **IN** the last time. ([1Pet.1:5](#))
- **RECEIVING** the **END** of your **FAITH**, even the **SALVATION** of your souls.” ([1Pet.1:9](#))
- “Now unto Him that is **ABLE** to **KEEP** you from falling, and to **PRESENT** you faultless **BEFORE** the presence of His glory **WITH** exceeding **JOY**,” ([Jude vs.24](#))
- “**KEEP** yourselves **IN** the love of God, **LOOKING** for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ **UNTO** eternal **LIFE**.” ([Jude vs.21](#))

## **B. Those Who Become UNrighteous, WILL BE Blotted Out**

The Psalmist said,

- “**ADD** iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them **NOT** come into Thy righteousness.  
<sup>28</sup> Let them be **BLOTTED OUT**, of the **BOOK** of the **LIVING**, and **NOT** be written **WITH** the righteous.” ([Psa.69:27-28](#))

## **C. Those That Subtract FROM Truth, Will Be Blotted Out**

John said,

- “**IF** any man shall **TAKE AWAY** from the words of the **BOOK** of this prophecy, God shall **TAKE AWAY** his part, **OUT** of the **BOOK** of **LIFE**, and **OUT** of the holy city, and **FROM** the things which are written **IN** this book.” ([Rev.22:19](#))

**D. Obviously: Continued sin, of which one will not repent, will separate us from our Creator ([Isa.59:1-2](#))**

- “For **IF** after they have **ESCAPED**, the **POLLUTIONS** of the world **THROUGH** the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are **AGAIN** ENTANGLED therein, and **OVERCOME**, the **LATTER** end, is **WORSE** with them **THAN** the beginning.

<sup>21</sup> For it had been **BETTER** for them, **NOT** to have **KNOWN** the way of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, than **AFTER** they have known it, to **TURN** from the **HOLY** commandment, **DELIVERED** unto them.

<sup>22</sup> But it is **HAPPENED** unto them according to the **TRUE** proverb,  
The dog is **TURNED** to his own **VOMIT** again;  
and the sow that was **WASHED**, to her wallowing in the **MIRE**.” ([2Pet.2:20-22](#))

**E. But SIN (not names) CAN be blotted out**

- “**REPENT** ye therefore, and be **CONVERTED** (or Baptized), that your sins may be **BLOTTED OUT** (or have Remission of sins), **WHEN** the times of refreshing shall **COME** from the presence of the Lord;” ([Acts 3:19](#); + [Acts 2:38](#))

Consider

**IV. THE BOOK’S RELATION TO OUR DESTINY**

- A.** If our sins have been **WASHED** away, by the Lamb’s **BLOOD**, and we have remained **FAITHFUL** throughout life, our **NAMES** are written in the Lamb’s **BOOK**, and we will **ENTER** the Sacred City ([Rev.3:5](#) + [Rev.21:27](#))

- B.** If not, our **DESTINY** will be the lake of fire

Those on the left hand will be told,

- “**DEPART** from me, ye cursed, **INTO** everlasting **FIRE**, **PREPARED** for the devil and his angels:” ([Matt.25:41](#))

John said he,

- “saw the dead, small and great, **STAND** before God; and the **BOOKS** were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **BOOK** of **LIFE**: and the dead were **JUDGED** out of those things which were written **IN** the books, according to their **WORKS**.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were **IN** it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were **IN** them: and they were **JUDGED** every man according to their **WORKS**.

<sup>14</sup> And **DEATH** and **HELL** were **CAST** into the **LAKE** of **FIRE**. This is the second death.

<sup>15</sup> And **WHOSOEVER** was **NOT** found written **IN** the **BOOK** of **LIFE** was **CAST** into the **LAKE** of **FIRE**.” ([Rev.20:12-15](#))

Sadly, the Lake of Fire will be the Destiny of Those Who **Do NOT Obey**, as they Bible says,

- “and to **YOU** who are troubled, **REST** with us,  
**WHEN** the Lord Jesus **SHALL** be revealed **FROM** heaven  
**WITH** His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> **IN** flaming fire, **TAKING VENGEANCE** on them  
that **KNOW NOT** God, and that **OBEY NOT** the **GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
<sup>9</sup> **WHO** shall be punished, **WITH** everlasting **DESTRUCTION**  
**FROM** the presence of the Lord, and **FROM** the glory of His power;” ([2Thess.1:7-9](#))
- “the **UNPROFITABLE** servant (will be **CAST**) into **OUTER** darkness:  
**THERE** shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ([Matt.25:30](#))

**C. Observe: THE BOOK is not a copy of church directories.**

1. **WE ARE FALLIBLE:** We may **ADD** the name of one who is **INSINCERE**,  
or we may mistakenly **DELETE** the name of some **RIGHTEOUS** saint.
2. But the Lord’s Heavenly Record, is guaranteed to be infallible, because He **KNOWS** His own.

Jesus said,

- “**I AM** the **GOOD** shepherd, and **KNOW** My sheep, and am **KNOWN** of mine.” ([Jn.10:14](#))
- “they that gladly **RECEIVED** His **WORD** were **BAPTIZED**:  
and the **SAME** day, there were **ADDED** unto them, **ABOUT** three thousand **SOULS**.  
<sup>42</sup> And they **CONTINUED** stedfastly **IN** the apostles’ doctrine (or teaching) and fellowship,  
and **IN** breaking of bread, and **IN** prayers.<sup>43</sup> And **FEAR** came upon **EVERY** soul:  
and **MANY** wonders and signs were **DONE** by the apostles.” ([Acts 2:41-43](#))
- “And the Lord **ADDED** to the church **DAILY** such as **SHOULD** be **SAVED**.” ([Acts 2:47](#))

Paul said,

- “Nevertheless the **FOUNDATION** of God **STANDETH SURE**,  
having **THIS SEAL**, The Lord **KNOWETH** them that are **HIS**.  
And, **LET** every one that **NAMETH** the name of Christ, **DEPART** from iniquity.” ([2Tim.2:19](#))

**D. Do WE want our name WRITTEN in The Lamb’s BOOK of LIFE?**

1. We can’t just **THINK** our names are there ([Prov.21:2](#))
2. We can’t **GUESS** ([2Cor.5:7](#)), that our names might be there,
3. Don’t **SUPPOSE** ([Prov.14:12](#))
4. Don’t **PRESUME** ([Psa.19:13](#))
5. One can’t **FEEL** that their **NAMES** are written their ([Acts 26:9](#))
6. Our **CONSCIENCE** alone, won’t get our names **WRITTEN** their ([Acts 23:1](#))
7. And just because a **PREACHER SAYS** ([1Jn.4:1](#)), doesn’t make it so!

**E. If We Want Our Names To Be Written In The BOOK OF LIFE,  
It Will Be a matter of CHOOSING to OBEY God.**

Jesus,

- “became the **AUTHOR** of eternal salvation unto **ALL** them that **OBEY** Him;” ([Heb.5:9](#))
- Sadly, “they have **NOT** all obeyed the gospel.” ([Rom.10:16](#))

**In Conclusion,**

1. Are **OUR** Names (mine and yours) **WRITTEN in HEAVEN** - in the **Lamb's Book of Life**?
2. To be **ENROLLED**, is reason for **GREAT joy** and hope;  
It would be **TRAGIC** to face the Judgment, otherwise.
3. Openly **HEAR** ([Rom.10:17](#)), Sincerely **BELIEVE** ([Jn.8:24](#)),  
Then joyfully **ACCEPT** and faith-FULLY **OBEY**,
  - Through **REPENTANCE** ([Lk.13:3](#))
  - **Confession** ([Acts 8:37](#))
  - and **Baptism** ([Mk.16:16](#); [1Pet.3:21](#))
  - **THEN**, God will place **YOUR name**, or **MY** name, in the **Lamb's BOOK of LIFE**.
  
  - “Or **DESPISEST** thou the **RICHES** of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering;  
**NOT knowing**, that the **GOODNESS** of God, leadeth thee to **REPENTANCE?**” ([Rom.2:4](#))

**If you have a need, please come, as together we stand and sing.**