

The Book of Life

How much do you know about the “Book of Life?” It is actually mentioned in the Bible quite a bit (both in the Old and New Testaments). This is a book that belongs to God. God actually writes in this book all the time!

Let’s consider a few other important things that we need to know about this book.

I. 5 Facts about the Book of Life:

- A. It is a book of **names**.
 - 1. These names are being written down in heaven (Luke 10:19-20).
 - 2. These names are recorded in the book of life (Philippians 4:2-3).
 - 3. Is your name in this book?
- B. It is a book of **life**.
 - 1. Only those who have eternal life are listed in this book. (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 20:15; 21:27).
 - 2. Those in this book have obeyed the Lord’s plan of salvation.
 - a. They have believed in Jesus (John 8:24).
 - b. They have repented of sin (Luke 13:3).
 - c. They have confessed the name of Jesus (Acts 8:37).
 - d. They have been baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16).
 - 3. Those who are members of the Lord’s church have their names enrolled in heaven (Hebrews 12:22-23).
- C. It is a book of **joy**.
 - 1. It brings joy to those who have their names written in it (Philippians 4:3-4; (Luke 10:17-20).
 - 2. Do you remember how you felt you when you first had your name recorded in this book?
- D. Names can be **taken** from it.
 - 1. Moses was aware this (Exodus 32:31-32).
 - 2. The Psalmist was aware of this (Psalm 69:28).
 - 3. Jesus told the church at Sardis to be aware of this (Revelation 3:5).
 - 4. This reality is a powerful refute to the doctrine of “once saved, always saved.”
- E. It will be used on **judgment day** (Revelation 20:12-15).
 - 1. The first books mentioned is probably a reference to the law of God. In our case, we will be judged by the New Covenant law (John 12:48).
 - 2. The book of life will also be opened on the Judgment Day. Only those whose names are found in it will be allowed to enter into heaven (Revelation 20:15).

II. Two Important Questions:

- A. Is your name **found** in this book?
 - 1. It is more important that your name be here than anywhere else.
 - 2. If it isn’t, you need to submit to God right now!
- B. If so, are you doing what is necessary to make sure it **stays there**?
 - 1. Are you being faithful to the Lord?
 - 2. Remember your name can be removed!

Conclusion: Jesus died so that we can all have our names recorded in His book of life!