

Questions Posed for Study

Question: Is there a book of life? What is its purpose?

Intro: If there is any book in all of earth's history of mankind from Adam to this present day, or in actuality, the final day of God's final judgment, that one would want their name entered into, it would be the "Lamb's Book of Life." High society has their books of those who in their mind. Mostly about money, power, politics, tycoons from around the world. Folks who see themselves as those most deserving of accolades whether they were born to it or worked to achieve such a membership. In the end it doesn't matter, there is nothing in high-societies book of those who that will earn them any accolades from God. In the end, "the Lamb's Book of Life," is the only book that matters and if one's name is not written in that one book, hell awaits. We have heard the expression, "It isn't what you know, but who you know."

In this case, both are equally vital to eternity in heaven. If one does not know what the Bible actually says about salvation and they would rather foolishly believe something else, then willful ignorance will keep them from knowing the truth about Jesus Christ. So, heaven and or hell is the difference between what you know and who you know **(John 14:6)**. To know Jesus is to know hope, no Jesus, no hope!

So, what is the "Book of Life" and does it teach that a person can lose his or her salvation?

I. The phrase – "Book of Life". Revelation 20:15.

A. This phrase, "Book of Life" is found in ten verses in the Bible.

1. There are similar _____ in other verse of the Bible in the Old & New Testament.
2. In **Daniel 7:9 & 10** speaks of a _____ that is set and books that are opened.

B. God does not _____ to keep books to remind Him of who is saved & not saved.

1. It is something that we see practiced in light of keeping _____ straight.
2. **Malachi 3:14 – 17** juxtapose the wicked & faithful by a book of remembrance.

C. The book of life was written _____ the foundations of the world – **Revelation 17:18**

1. This is about God's _____ in that He fore knows who will & who won't come to a saving faith in Christ.
2. It is not God _____, it is about God knowing who will exercise their freewill to accept or reject Christ and His redemptive work on the cross. **Romans 8:29 and**

I Peter 1:1 – 5.

D. The Book of Life includes the Redeemed of the Lord while it also _____ those who reject Him as the heavenly Father's only means of Salvation, only means by faith in reconciling us back to Him. **Revelation 20:11 – 15.**

1. The Millennium is ended; the final season of Satan being _____ is over and all the unsaved of all the ages appear at this judgment seat.
2. The books are plural because a record is _____ from which those who appear here will not be able to argue that they aren't worthy of eternal damnation. There is not any record that these individuals ever accepted Christ in faith believing.
3. With their names _____ from the Book of Life, and the deeds of an unsaved life, the books conspire to prove they never came to a saving knowledge of Christ.

E. The Book of Life includes all who have _____ to be saved through faith in Christ **(Eph 2:8 & 9 & Philippians 4:3.)**

F. Jesus _____ the importance of being listed in the Book of Life – **Luke 10:20.**

G. Once we are saved, we can't be _____ out.

1. **Revelation 3:5** (Written to the church of Sardis.)
2. While we are here – **Revelation 3:10** – written to the church of Philadelphia. The word "from" is the Greek word "ex" meaning out of, from.

H. While the Book of Life only contains the names of the Redeemed, it also records our _____ as Believers.

1. **Revelation 22:19** – "part" meaning some aspect.
2. **I Corinthians 3:9 – 15.** – The difference between living a yielded life for Christ and wasting our lives through worldly living.

II. Do we still have freewill?

A. While God does know the future, we still have freewill to serve and walk in obedience.

1. God's heart desire is that we would love Him for who He is and show our love by walking in obedience to Him so we can exercise a close fellowship.

(Col. 1:10 & I Thess. 2:12)

2. **I Timothy 2:4.** -

B. The Book of Life though written by God's foreknowledge of all things, those who would come to a saving faith and those who would not and will not, it does not remove the freewill of man, it simply records what God knows will be! **Isaiah 46:10.**