

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“THE BOOK OF LIFE”

Scripture Reading:

“¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-15).

Introduction:

- A. The Book of Life contains the names of those who will live with God forever in Heaven. It is the roll of those who are saved (Christian Believers).
 - B. The Book of Life is also called the Lamb’s Book of Life because it contains the names of those who have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.
 - “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev 13:8).
 - “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” (Rev 21:17).
 - C. The Lamb’s Book of Life belongs to Christ (Rev 21:27). The Apostle John declared, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world” (John 1:29).
 - D. Is your name in the Book of Life?
- I. What is the Book of Life?
- A. **The Book of Life is a permanent record** of all people who are considered as righteous before God and by God.
 - B. **The Book of Life is Unique** – It belongs to Jesus Christ. He is the only means by which a person’s name can be recorded into this Book. No man can add his name to this Book.
 - What can wash away my sin, nothing but the Blood of Jesus, What can make me whole again, nothing but the Blood of Jesus.
 - C. **The Book of Life brings joy** to those who are recorded in it.
 - “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

II. Whose names are Listed in the Book of Life

A. **Christians** – Saved Believers (Rev 20:12-15)

B. **Those who believer in Jesus as their Savior**

- “And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life” (Phil 4:3).
- “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).

C. **The Church**

- “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 12:23).

D. **The Book of Life was written before the foundation of the world**

This includes every Believer of the past, present and of the future.

- “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names **are not** written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev 13:8).
- “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names **were not** written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is” (Rev 17:8).

E. “You may not have all you could wish for, but you still have more than you deserve. Your circumstances are not what they might be, but they are still not as bad as the conditions others find themselves in. Your unbelief makes you forget that if poverty weighs you down you still have your health. And if both health and financial security have vanished, you are still a child of God and your name is written in the Lamb’s book of life.” - **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

III. Whose names are not Listed in the Book of Life

A. **Unbelievers, the ungodly, the unrighteous, the unsaved** (1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21).

B. **The False Professors** (Matt 7:21-23)

C. **Those who worship the Anti-Christ** (Rev 13:8; 17:8)

The Anti-Christ are those who oppose and deny God and Christ and substitute themselves and others in Christ’s place before the Second Coming.

IV. God’s Promises for those Recorded in the Book of Life

A. **Eternal Life** (John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 1 John 5:11)

B. **A Believer’s name Can Never be Erased from the Book of Life** (Rev 3:5)

C. **Nothing can separate the Believer from God’s Love** (Rom 8:35-38)

D. **The Believer is Safe in God’s Hand** - No one can remove the Believer from God’s hand – God’s hand is **Almighty** (John 10:27-29)

- God used a pencil without an eraser to record names in the Book of Life – God cannot lie, and He does not make mistakes – Anonymous
- Is your name written in the Book of Life?
- “Upon the spotless Book of Life, God wrote my name one day; eternal years can never take that God-penned name away” – Fred Cowell

V. The Consequences for those Whose Names are not Recorded in the Book of Life

A. The Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15)

1. Judgement for Unbelievers
2. Unbelievers will be cast into the Lake of Fire (v. 15)
 - The Lake of Fire is the second death. It is eternal death which means eternal separation from God.

B. Hell is for Eternity (Rev 20:10)

The inhabitants of Hell “shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

- Study the passage about the rich man and Lazarus for additional information on Hell (Luke 16:19-31).
- ❖ Pastor E.V. Hill said, “I don’t want to go to Hell. I don’t want to because (1) You can’t get out. You can’t try it to see if you like it, (2) My mother won’t be there, and (3) I won’t like my neighbors.”

Conclusion:

A. Is your name written in the Book of Life?

1. Believers – your names are recorded in the Book of Life.
2. Unbelievers – your names can be added to the Book of Life.
 - a. Admit that you are a Hell-bound sinner (Rom 3:23; 6:23)
 - b. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose again (1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18).
 - c. Confess Christ Jesus (Rom 1:16; 10:9-10; 2 Cor 6:2).

B. When the Roll is Called up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the morning breaks,
eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder,
I’ll be there

When the roll, is called up yon-der, When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll, is called up yon-der, When the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there

Memory Verse:

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).