The Book of Life

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INTRODUCTION

- The one book that you won't find in this library is one that you can't find anywhere on this planet.
- This is a book that belongs to God and God alone. This is a book that belongs to Jesus and Jesus alone.
- The book that I am talking about this morning is referred to in the Bible as the book of life.

1 The Book of Life Is a Book of Names

Philippians 4:2–3; Luke 10:19–20

- The book of life is a book of names. Specifically, it is a book that contains the names of God's people.
- It contains the names of people who serve God and love God and have been forgiven by God.
- I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the book of life.
- Rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven. Notice how Jesus says that there is some writing being done in heaven.

2 It's a Book of Life, Not Death

Revelation 20:15; Romans 6:3–4; Hebrews 12:22–23

- It's a book of life. It's not a book of death. No, it's a book of life. Those who are in this book have spiritual life.
- It's called the Lamb's book of life because it belongs to the lamb. It's only made possible because of the lamb.
- Those who have their names in this book are only able to be there because of the lamb's sacrifice on the cross.
- They are there because they've had their sins washed away by his blood by being immersed in water for the forgiveness of sins.
- Those who are part of the Lord's congregation or general assembly have their names enrolled in heaven. They have their names written down in the Lamb's book of life.

3 The Book of Life Brings Joy

Philippians 4:3–4; Luke 10:17–20

- The book of life is a book that brings joy. It's a book of joy because it brings joy to those who have their names in the book.
- Notice how after telling these Christians that their names have been recorded in the book of life, Paul then tells them to rejoice.
- While they were away doing the work of God, while they were away preaching and doing miracles, he saw Satan getting whipped.

- Jesus tells them that if you want to celebrate something, celebrate that. Celebrate that even above having the ability to perform miracles.
- Does our names being recorded in this book right now give us a lot of joy? Does it make us happy?

4 Our Names Can Be Removed

Exodus 32:31–33; Revelation 3:4–5

- Even though our names may currently be in this book that doesn't mean they can't be removed.
- The Lord said to Moses whoever has sinned against me I will blot him out of my book.
- He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments, and I will not erase. I will not blot his name from the book of life.
- They're not written down in permanent ink, instead, they're written down in a spiritual pencil. That means they can be erased.

5 This Book's Gonna Be Open on the Judgment Day

Revelation 20:12–15

- We're gonna have to deal with it on the judgment day. This book's gonna be open on the judgment day.
- And another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged from the things written in the books according to their deeds.
- If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
- We're going to be judged by the gospel. We're going to be judged by the new covenant.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And so is your name found in the book of life? If it is, then let me ask you this final question. Are you doing what's necessary to make sure it stays there?**

MY NOTES