

Verses Related to the Book of Life

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Refer also to the study, [Whose “Names are in the Book of Life,”](#)
Philippians 4:2-3, September 6, 2023

Background. On the YouTube page for Pastor Greg Rangel’s documentary, “The Wolves Among Us,” <https://youtu.be/2GZyoiqLM1Y>, a viewer posted a [comment](#) taking exception to a statement that I made in that documentary. Below is his comment and my response.

YouTube Comment

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GZyoiqLM1Y&lc=UgyJGxExEtGvs6kYPBt4AaABAg&ab_channel=ChristianMovies



@NarrowPathDoctrine 8 months ago

3:48, Kevin Lea. An actual pastor, states that when people call upon the name of Jesus, they are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The Bible clearly states their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life BEFORE the foundation of the world. How can a "pastor" not know this? They don't "accept" Christ and then God reacts and adds their names to the Book of Life. That hardly would be a sovereign God now would it? A bad start for a film about "wolves among us". At least, this is misleading and misunderstanding Scripture.

Pastor Kevin Response

Thanks for taking the time to comment. I agree with you that the Bible does not say our names are written into the Book of Life at the moment we call upon the name of the Lord. The YouTube audience should scratch that comment. I should have said that at the moment one hears, believes and calls upon the name of the Lord, then they are saved from sin (Romans 10:8-13). They become born again of the spirit and are called sons or children of God (Romans 8:14-17, 1 Peter 1:22-25, 1 John 3:1-3). He/she is now assured that their name will not be blotted out of the Book of Life.

Revelation 3:5 ***He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*** NKJV

Jim, also remember that Pastors are just men and some of us are trying to serve Jesus as best we can by accurately communicating His word. I/we are sometimes not perfect in doing so. This pastor thanks Jesus for His love, grace and mercy when I do fail. Again thanks for giving me the opportunity to correct what I said, and please pray for me that Jesus will help me be more accurate in the future.

The following verses also apply to this topic on the Book of Life:

- Exodus 32:32 *Yet now, if You will forgive their sin — but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” 33 And the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, **I will blot him out of My book.*** NKJV
- Deuteronomy 9:14 *Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and **blot out their name from under heaven;** and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’* NKJV
- Deuteronomy 29:20 *The Lord would not spare him; for then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the Lord would **blot out his name from under heaven.*** NKJV

- Psalm 69:28 *Let them be **blotted out of the book of the living**, and not be written with the righteous.* NKJV
- Revelation 22:18 *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part from the Book of Life**, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.* NKJV
- Philippians 4:3 *And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.* NKJV
- Revelation 13:7 *It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* NKJV

Pastor Kevin Note: The King James translators understood the original language text to convey that it was Jesus (the Lamb) that was slain from the foundation of the world. The English Standard Version and New American Standard Bible twist the wording on this verse to support the Calvinist dogma that the names of the chosen were written in the book of life before the foundation of the world. As seen above, this cannot be true, since unbelievers get blotted out of the Book of Life.

- Revelation 13:8 ESV. *and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain.*
- Revelation 13:8 NASB. *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.*
- Revelation 17:8 *The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.* NKJV (KL Note: Their names are not at this time written in the Book of Life because they have been blotted out.)
- Revelation 20:12 *And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.* NKJV
- Revelation 21:27 *But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.* NKJV