

# 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 that brings 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 removed 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 are 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!