

BOOK OF LIFE**THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE****THE BOOKS OF WORKS**

Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh shall be clothed in white; and I will never blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? **Rev. 20:15** And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Book of Life seems to be an active book with names being blotted out because of continued unbelief in Jesus to finality. God does not choose to save a person who consistently is resistant to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and fails to come to repentance and faith. Babies who die could not be blotted out of the Book of Life because they cannot resist conviction.

This active Book of Life (with names blotted out) becomes identical to the Lamb's Book of Life which was written FROM the foundation of the earth. The moment you believe in Jesus, your name is written in the Lamb's Book. The moment you were physically born, your name was written in the active Book of Life.

Revelation 13:8 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. See Rev. 17:8 and 21:27

According to Rev. 17:8, names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world.

Unbelievers who never came to repentance and faith were never written in the Lamb's Book.

According to Rev. 21:27, those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life enter Heaven.

Unbelievers who never come to repentance and faith will be judged according to their works written in the Books of Works. The Book of Life also confirms that their names have been blotted out.

Revelation 20:12,15 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done (according to their works KJV). 15 And anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

God knows from before the foundation of the world who will come the acceptable way through repentance and faith. The chosen are those who come the acceptable way and they are chosen for holiness, service, and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:2 To God's elect who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ

God has poured out common grace upon the world. Those who respond to God out of common grace are prompted by the Holy Spirit to see more truth. By being led by the Spirit and coming in the acceptable way, God chooses to save the cooperating sinner. Coming the acceptable way involves believing truths concerning personal sin, need of a Savior, and belief in Jesus' death and resurrection as God's sole way of redemption.

Posture is more important than the sinner's prayer. Posture, meaning the state of the mind and attitude of the heart, is what brings us to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The sinner's prayer should reflect what has already happened in the heart. Head knowledge has become heart knowledge when God reveals Himself to the cooperating sinner. God chooses to save those who come the acceptable way. God takes the initiative in common grace and gives saving grace to the cooperating heart.