

MY NAME IS IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

Text: Phil. 4:3

INTRO: Sometimes we sing, "My name is in the Book of Life, Oh, bless the name of Jesus. I rise above all doubt & strife & read my title clear." But do we sing the truth?

A. There is a Book of Life, Phil. 4:3.

B. It is in heaven.

Luke 10:20, Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Heb 12:23, [You have come] to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,

C. The Book of Life will be opened on the day of judgment.
Rev. 20:12.

D. Your name must be in the Book of Life or you will never enter into heaven.

Rev 20:15, Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 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.

E. If your name is in the Book of Life, you have the utmost reason to rejoice--& sing, "My name is in the Book of Life, Oh, bless the name of Jesus!"

I. IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

A. "I think it is." John 5:39.

B. "I guess it is."

2 Peter 1:10, Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure...

C. "I suppose it is."

Luke 2:44, supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

D. "I presume it is."

Deut 18:20, But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

E. "I feel like it is. I have a clean conscience."

Acts 26:9, Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 23:1, Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

F. "My preacher says it is."

1 Cor 2:5, Your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 John 4:1, Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

G. "I doubt it."

1 Tim 2:8, I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

H. "I know my name is there."

John 7:17, If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

John 8:32; 2 Tim. 1:12

1 John 2:3, Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

II. I KNOW MY NAME IS THERE BECAUSE GOD PUT IT THERE.

A. Not before I ever came into existence.

Eph 1:3-5, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...

B. Not while we were in unbelief. Heb 11:6; John 8:21, 24

C. Not before my faith led me to become obedient.

John 12:42-43, Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Matt. 10:32

James 2:19-20, You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Heb. 5:9

D. Not until I was scripturally baptized in obedience to the gospel.

1. Not before my sins were washed away by the blood of Christ, Acts 22:16.
2. Not before I was saved as Jesus taught in Mark 16:16.
3. Not before my sins were remitted, forgiven, Acts 2:38.
4. Not before I came **into** [relationship] with Christ, Gal. 3:26-27.

F. Scriptural water baptism requires:

1. The proper subject.

- a. a sinner, not a baby, Matt 18:3; 19:14
 - b. one who has been taught the gospel, Matt. 28:19-20
 - c. one who believes the gospel, Mark 16:16
 - d. one who has repented of his sins, Acts 2:38.
2. Proper action. Burial in water, raised up from the water. Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-4
 3. The Proper Design or purpose.

Remission of sins, Acts 2:38
 Salvation, Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21
 Into Father, Son & H.S., Matt. 28:19-20

E. If my baptism was not Scriptural, I need to keep on till I get it right. Acts 19:1-6. I did.

III. I KNOW GOD PUT IT THERE. BUT HOW DO I KNOW IT IS STILL THERE?

A. Names can be blotted out.

Ex 32:31-33, Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will, forgive their sin--but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Rev 22:19, 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.

B. But the Christian who serves God faithfully will overcome all the threats & dangers of Satan--& Christ promises :

Rev 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.

CONCLUSION: I hope you can all heartily sing, “My name is in the Book of Life... I read my title clear.” If not, don’t sing a lie, but do whatever is necessary that you can sing with assurance, “Oh, bless the name of Jesus.”

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