

Is Your Name Written In Heaven?

Text: Luke 10:17-20

Then the seventy^[a] returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather^[b] rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Intro: Illustration of man’s name on water tower

- a. Name on their diploma at graduation, some having their name written on a plaque, some like their names written on some hall of fame.
- b. God adds our names to the book of life in heaven.

1. **Rejoice Because Your Name Is Written In Heaven.**(Luke 10:17-20)

- a. Rejoice for the right reasons- because their names were written in heaven.
- b. Philippians 4:3- “ fellow workers , whose names are in the Book of Life.”
And^[a] 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.
- c. “Registered in heaven”(Hebrews 12:23)
to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are registered* in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

2. **Those Written In The Book Of Life.**

- a. Revelation 21:27
But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes^[a] an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

- b. In ancient days Kings kept a register of their faithful citizens. God also has a register of His faithful citizens that He will reward. (Revelation 2:10)

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

3. How Do You Get Into The Book Of Life?

- a. What keeps you from having your name from being written in heaven?

1. Sin! (Isaiah 59:1-2)- sin kept Adam and Eve out of the Garden; sin kept the wicked out of the ark in the days of Noah.

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear.

² But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
So that He will not hear.

2. Disobedient, sinful lifestyles will keep people out of heaven. (Psalm 69:28)

Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
And not be written with the righteous

- b. Those who are not written in the Book of Life.(Revelation 21:27)

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes^[a] an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

- c. What can take away my sins so that I can be in the Book of Life?

1. Only the blood of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:7)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

2. Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16

Acts 2:38 – Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 - And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

3. Washed in the blood of Jesus. (“ To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.” (Revelation 1:5]

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed^[a] us from our sins in His own blood,

Invitation: “When the roll is called up yonder” Is your name written in heaven? Are you ready to meet God at the judgment? (Galatians 3:26-27) Do you have faith and assurance that your name is in the Book of life. If not obey Jesus today if you have never repented and have been baptized. If you have been baptized, but have not been faithful why don't you repent today?

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ