

The Three Eternal Destinies #119 *The Book of Life, Part 2*

Some Christians think that if one does not work hard to be a good Christian then he can't earn enough points to keep his name in the Book of Life, as if he is going to be judged at the Last Judgment. The Judgment Seat of Messiah is for Believers only *before the Millennium*, but the judgment in Rev 20:11 is the judgment of the nations *after* the millennium.

But in Rev 3:5 it looks like God is going to blot out believers' names from eternal life if they don't overcome. So Christians believe in works salvation after all.

So what are Christian's names doing in the Book of Life in the first place? They say that no one at the judgment in Rev 20:11-15 is even recorded in the Book in the FIRST PLACE, since no one's name was found and all were cast into the Lake of Fire. This must include all Christians who did not overcome their besetting sins.

But the Book of Life in Rev 3:5 is God's eternal record of the *Redeemed* and Rev 20:15 is not the same book as Rev 21:27 and 13:8. One Book is for the *Nations* and one is for the *Disciples*. The Book of Life in Rev 3:5 is for Believers who are worthy to rule with Messiah in the Kingdom age (Rev 2:26-27). It has nothing to do with the nations. The Book of Life of the Lamb records all *Disciples* (Rev 21:27). The Book of Life in Rev 3:5 is the same as Dan 12:1 and Mal 3:16.

Lk 10:20 is the Lamb's Book of Life for all who already have Eternal Life (Jn 5:24).

Rev 2:11; 20:6 — This is the second death for Believers who were not worthy of the Kingdom. They are *the rest of the dead* who will enter the Holy City in Rev 22:14.

Christians believe that Rev 2:11 means *eternal separation* from God — if one does not do good, then (Rev 3:5; 2:11) one's name will be blotted out of the Book of Life and he will go to the second death for the nations, the lake of fire. They think the Righteous in Jn 5:29 refers to believers, as they do Mt 25:46, and that Rev 20:6 refers to unbelievers. Or do they believe it refers to believers who do not overcome? But it refers to believers who will not participate in the millennial reign of Messiah, who go to a second death during the millennial reign of Messiah only (Rev 2:11; 3:4-5).

So Rev 2:11 says if you don't overcome (speaking to believers) then you will go to the Lake of Fire, right? The second death in Rev 2:11, according to Christians, is the eternal lake of fire (Rev 20:14-15). So then, they believe in works salvation!

Rev 2:11 — The second death that unbelievers face is removed completely from believers (Eph 1:13; Jn 5:24).

But the second death for *believers* is a continual reality for those who do not go to the Throne of Grace (Heb 4:16; Jms 1:21; 5:19-20; 1 Jn 5:16-17).

The Book of Life

Rev 20:12,15 — The Book of Life was opened to reveal who the Righteous were from among the nations — who lived by their conscience and who did not, but were the unjust and the filthy (Rev 22:11). They were judged according to their deeds. Jn 5:28-29 is the judgment of Rev 20:11-15, the judgment of the dead, those who died in Adam. In Rev 20:12 they are standing after the resurrection of verse 13, to face this judgment of Heb 9:27.

Jn 5:29 — Those who have done good deeds will be raised to a resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to a resurrection of condemnation. This is the nations. If it includes *believers* then it is *works salvation*.

Jn 3:19-20 — Who is in the Book of Life in Ps 69:28? What does the Book of Life have in it? What does it say?

What does it record? It is a record maintained by God (Ps 69:27-28). Phil 4:3 is the Book of Life of the Kingdom (Rev 2:11; 3:5). Ps 69:28 is the Book of Life of the Nations in Rev 20:12,13-15.

Ps 69:28 is the Book of the Living, the Book recording those from among the nations who have a second life after death. The Books recorded good and evil deeds. The names of the Righteous are recorded in this Book.

Ps 69:28 refers to those who have committed such deeds as would strike or blot their names out of the Book of Life, the Book which lists or records those who are worthy of a second life.

Ps 69:28 and Rev 22:11 refer to the unjust and the righteous. The unjust are taken out of the Book that records

the righteous who will live a second life which is eternal.