



IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE  
BOOK OF LIFE?



# WHAT IS THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- Registering God's people in a book was an ancient practice of God's people
  - Registry of the citizens of Israel – Ezra 2:59, 61-62; Ezek. 13:9
  - The *divine* registry of those who belong to God – Ex. 23:31-33; Dan. 12:1-2
- We have a divine registry of the saved today—the Book of Life – Phil. 4:3; Rev. 20:11-12

# WHEN IS ONE'S NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- Calvinism teaches that God has individually listed [predestined] all the saved “from the foundation of the earth” – Rev. 17:8
  - Many assumptions are made in connection with this verse!
  - But, biblical predestination is of a *class* of people, not individually – Eph. 1:4, 11-12
- One's name is written in the Book of Life upon salvation.
  - If outside of Christ, one's name is not in this Book – Eph. 2:1, 3
  - Through obedience of faith one enters into Christ and salvation – Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:3; 6:17-18; I Pet. 1:22; Acts 22:16

# CAN WE KNOW OUR NAME IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- This knowledge is gained and assured by self-examination
  - 2 Cor. 13:5
- We can know if our name continues in this book by comparing our hearts and actions to God's word.
  - Love for God is judged in connection with obeying Him – Jn. 14:15
  - We know we are in Christ and God's love is perfected in us by obeying Him – I Jn. 2:3-5
  - Claiming fellowship with God without obeying Him is to lie – I Jn. 1:6

# CAN NAMES CAN “BE BLOTTED” OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- From its earliest mention there has been a condition of faithfulness for remaining in God’s Book of Life
- Those who sin God will blot out of His book – Ex. 32:33
- Those who defile their spiritual garments with sin and rebellion will be blotted out of God’s Book – Rev. 3:4-5
- Those who tamper with God’s word will be removed from the Book of Life/Tree of Life – Rev. 22:19; 2 Pet. 3:16

# HOW IMPORTANT IS HAVING YOUR NAME IN THIS BOOK?

- Only those in this Book will be able to enter the holy city of God – Rev. 21:27; Acts 20:28
- Only those who are in this book will have their name confessed by Jesus before the Father – Rev. 3:5
- Those whose names are NOT found in the Book of Life will face eternal condemnation in the lake of fire – Rev. 20:15