

Names Forfeited from the Book of Life

Introduction

The Lord has written a book of names of individuals where sin on the part of an individual causes the Lord to blot that individual's name out of His book.

“And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book” Exodus 32:31-33. It appears that God blots out an individual's name from His book as Paul explains. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1494.

“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death” Romans 7:9-10 and the immediate context.

However, where God has blotted an individual's name out of His book for sin, *the Lord re-enters that name permanently in His book when that individual becomes “...in Christ...a new creature...”* 2 Corinthians 5:17 **“...by the faith of the Son of God...”** Galatians 2:20 **“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”** Ephesians 1:13. See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Satanic Cities and Saints Standing Fast, Appendix 2 – Eternal Security and Revelation 3:5, 16.* (Pre-Calvary and post-rapture God re-enters a man's name who repents and obeys **“...thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;)”** Nehemiah 9:29.)

Paul therefore affirms that the spiritual standing of *all* Church Age saints is *fixed* with respect to the *permanence* of their names in God's book by means of the following *designations* that apply to *all* Church Age saints, not only those who directly co-laboured with Paul. That is a great comfort.

“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building” 1 Corinthians 3:9.

“And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life” Philippians 4:3.

Today's believer should of course seek to fulfil those designations *by his obedience* after the manner of Matthew 21:6 **“And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them.”** However, the *permanence* of today's believer's name **“in the book of life”** is *independent of and separate from his obedience – or disobedience - as Paul reveals when rebuking “...them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints...” 1 Corinthians 1:2 in 1 Corinthians 15:34 **“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.”***

Today's believer is therefore *a limiting case* with respect to **“...names...in the book of life”** Philippians 4:3 but the scripture reveals *another limiting case* where names are *not* blotted out of **“the book of life”** because God never entered those names in His book. Note these key scriptures.

Key Scriptures

“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” Revelation 13:8.

“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is” Revelation 17:8.

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” Revelation 20:15.

“...names...not written”

It has been shown above that God can enter names **“in the book of life,”** blot them out *and re-enter them, in a limiting case on a permanent basis for today’s believer.* However, via the King James translators’ precise use of present and past tenses and commas, Revelation 13:8, 17:8 reveal a *second limiting case where some names are not “in the book of life” because they never were “in the book of life.”* God *never* entered those names because *He saw and was pleased to act upon the owners’ mindset ahead of time as in Isaiah 46:9-10 “...I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”*

Intransigent Idolaters

Who then were these intransigent individuals who forfeited **“...names...in the book of life”** Philip-pians 4:3 and what can today’s believer learn from their ultimate fate in Revelation 20:15?

Note first that Revelation 13:8, 17:8 indicate that they who forfeited **“...names...in the book of life”** *are those in the devil’s church who idolatrously persist in worshipping the beast after “...he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven”* Revelation 13:6 and *after he is full of and blatantly manifesting “...a great red dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan”* Revelation 12:3, 9. Note what follows.

Revelation 17:3, 5-6 **“...a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration”** show the beast to be the devil incarnate upholding the devil’s church that was, is and will be murdering the saints while pre-tending to be godly. That is why John **“...wondered with great admiration”** in a sense of bewilderment, not reverential wonderment like the intransigent beast-worshippers of Revelation 13:8, 17:8.

Those worshippers *never* had their names **“in the book of life”** because the Lord knew that they would never repent, in that although **“All unrighteousness is sin...”** 1 John 5:17, those worshippers are guilty of **“...a sin unto death”** 1 John 5:16. *Though the Lord paid for their sin, they persist in “...denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction”* 2 Peter 2:1, each like Benhadad **“a man whom I appointed to utter destruction”** 1 Kings 20:42, 2 Kings 8:9-15:

“And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds...and...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” Revelation 16:10-11, 21:8.

As Solomon states **“...shall not he render to every man according to his works?”** Proverbs 24:12.

Our Part

What today’s believer can learn from the intransigent idolaters’ fate *is the need for urgency concern-ing others who may yet be “...granted repentance unto life”* Acts 11:18, *though they are yet in the devil’s church.* See www.chick.com/products/item?stk=153&ue=d Smokescreens:

Our fight is not with the Roman Catholic people who have been betrayed by their church. Our job is to rip the mask off her face, and let the poor Roman Catholics see what they’re really tied to. They have to find Christ as the answer and it’s our job to try to win them to Christ.

“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy...And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire...” Psalm 107:2, Jude 22-23.