

QUESTION: What do I really need to do to make sure my name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life?

ANSWER: First of all, let us look at what the Book of Life is. The Bible says that the ones who are thrown into hell are those who are **NOT written in the Book of Life**, and whose book is it? Revelation 21:27 calls it "**The Lamb's Book of Life**", which means it belongs to Jesus, the Lamb of God. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you need have **NO FEAR of the Judgment**, because **Jesus has already PAID for your SINS**. He took our sins upon Himself, so that WE will not be punished for them, and because we believe in Him, our names are written in His book. People who do not know Jesus must stand before God at the Final Judgment and PAY for their OWN SINS!! Romans 6:23 says "the wages of sin is death" (the "second death" in the Lake of Fire, Rev. 20:14).

- **Revelation 20:11-15** "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And **I saw the DEAD, small and great, standing before God**, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And the DEAD were JUDGED according to their WORKS, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [bodies] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were JUDGED, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were CAST into the LAKE of FIRE. This is the second death. And **anyone who was NOT found written in the BOOK of LIFE was cast (thrown) into the LAKE of FIRE.**"
- **Revelation 21:27** "But there shall by no means enter it (heaven) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only **those who are WRITTEN in the LAMB'S BOOK of LIFE.**"

Here is what you really need to do, and that is to know God's word and what He says about the gift of eternal life. **It is a GIFT, and all you have to do is RECEIVE it.** A gift is not a gift if it is something that must be earned. Eternal life in heaven, and having your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, is simply a gift from God, and you need to receive it. The gift of eternal life comes wrapped in the package, so to speak, of Jesus Christ, so if you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have eternal life. "The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "As many as **RECEIVED Him**, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). We are all sinners and do not meet with God's standard of perfection, so no one can say they are too great a sinner for Jesus to be able to save them. Jesus said that "whoever comes to Me I will by no means cast out" (John 6:37). Just come to Jesus and accept Him by faith - He will not cast you out or turn you away!

- **Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
- **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- **John 3:16-17** "For God so LOVED the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not PERISH (in hell) but have EVERLASTING LIFE. For God did NOT send His Son into the world to CONDEMN the world, but that the world through Him might be SAVED."

The Lamb's Book of Life is where all the names of those who are saved are recorded, so the next part of the answer is "Have you been saved?" GOD wants to have a relationship with you -both now, and for all eternity! Jesus said, "I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE; NO ONE can come to the Father, except BY ME." John 14:6 If you want to KNOW GOD and have real meaning in your life; if you are unsure of what will happen to you when you die, or are afraid you will not spend eternity in Heaven, there's **GOOD NEWS** for you! The Bible, God's

word, tells us in John 3:16 that "**God so LOVED the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOEVER BELIEVES in HIM should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE.**" Because **God loves you so much**, He made a **WAY** for you to be **SAVED from your sins** so that you could have a relationship with Him. He sent **His Son, Jesus Christ**, to die on the cross and **TAKE the PUNISHMENT for YOUR SINS** so that you could be **REDEEMED** from sin, receive **NEW LIFE**, and spend eternity with **Him**. Jesus said, "**.....Unless a person is BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" (John 3:3). Salvation does **NOT** come by joining a church, following a certain religion, doing good deeds, or living a moral life. The Bible says there is only **ONE WAY** to become a child of God and **to receive SALVATION** and eternal life in heaven: **YOU MUST be BORN AGAIN by ACCEPTING JESUS CHRIST as YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR.** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12

Pray this prayer, and **receive Jesus Christ** as your personal Savior today!

Almighty God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus, recognizing that I am a sinner. You said in Your word, "If you shall confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD, and shall believe in your HEART that God has raised Him from the dead, YOU SHALL BE SAVED." (Romans 10:9)

I believe in my heart that JESUS is the CHRIST, THE SON of the LIVING GOD. I believe that JESUS, the sinless Son of God, PAID the PENALTY on the CROSS for MY SINS, and that HE WAS RAISED from the DEAD.

**I REPENT of my sins and RECEIVE Him as my Lord and SAVIOR.
Lord Jesus, come into my heart and take control of my life!**

If you have prayed this prayer **sincerely from your heart**, then the Bible says you are now a child of God! You have been **born again**, you have eternal life, and **you have been SAVED** from your sins (they are forgiven). **Your name is now written in the Book of Life of the Lamb of God, Jesus** Himself. God is now your Heavenly Father, and His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, has come to live in you! (Romans 8:9) It is your **FAITH in the PERSON of Jesus Christ** that **SAVES you, NOT** any religious works or good deeds you may do.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by **GRACE** you are **SAVED** through **FAITH**, and that **NOT** of yourselves, it is the **GIFT of GOD - NOT of WORKS**, lest any man should boast."

Now, YOU ARE SECURE and SAFE IN CHRIST - YOU HAVE ASSURANCE of ETERNAL LIFE. You can be SURE that your name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

- **John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And **I give them ETERNAL LIFE**, and **they shall NEVER PERISH**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."
- **I John 5:13** "These things have I written unto **YOU that believe** on the name of the Son of God; **that YOU may KNOW that YOU have eternal life**, and that YOU may continue to believe on the name of the Son of God."
- **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, '**I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU**', so that we may boldly say, '**THE LORD IS MY HELPER, and I WILL NOT FEAR** what man shall do to me.'"
- **Philippians 1:6** "**Being CONFIDENT** of this very thing, that **He who has BEGUN a good work in YOU will COMPLETE it** until the day of Jesus Christ."
- **Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate **US from the LOVE of GOD which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

Now, YOU are JUSTIFIED, YOUR SINS are FORGIVEN, and GOD DOES NOT REMEMBER YOUR SINS ANYMORE (they are WASHED away in the blood of Jesus).

Justified means that God by His GRACE **has declared you RIGHTEOUS** because you have believed on Jesus Christ. It is **NOT a process of becoming** righteous, **it is a ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE** - we are MADE RIGHTEOUS the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior! It is NOT merely FORGIVENESS, although forgiveness is INCLUDED - God does indeed FORGIVE AND FORGET OUR SINS. However, **JUSTIFICATION means God even FORGETS THAT WE WERE EVER SINNERS!** There is NO MORE RECORD of our sins.

- **Romans 5:1 & 9** "Therefore, having been **JUSTIFIED** by faith, we have **PEACE** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Much more then, having now been **JUSTIFIED** by His **BLOOD**, we shall be **saved from WRATH** through Him."
- **Hebrews 9:12-14** (Verse 12) "Not with the blood of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but **with His own BLOOD** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]." (Verse 14) "How much more shall the **BLOOD** of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot (without sin) to God, **PURGE** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
- **I John 1:7** "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son CLEANSSES us from ALL SIN.**"
- **Romans 3:24-26** "Being **justified freely by His GRACE** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth to be a propitiation **by His BLOOD**, through faith....." (Verse 26) ".....that He might be just and the Justifier of the one who **has FAITH in JESUS.**"
- **Ephesians 1:7** "In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the **FORGIVENESS of sins**, according to the riches of His grace."
- **Colossians 1:14** "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption **through His blood**, even the **FORGIVENESS of sins.**"
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might be MADE the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God** in Him."
- **Hebrews 10:16-17** "'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,' says the Lord. 'I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,' then He adds, '**Their SINS and their lawless DEEDS I will REMEMBER NO MORE.**'"
- **Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am the One who **WIPES OUT** your transgressions for My own sake; and **I WILL NOT REMEMBER your SINS.**"

Now, YOU are SAVED and SEALED with the HOLY SPIRIT simply because YOU TRUSTED IN CHRIST (YOU didn't have to WORK for it or EARN it). Jesus said the Holy Spirit would abide with us FOREVER - He will not leave you!

- **Ephesians 1:12-14** "That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first **TRUSTED in Christ**. In whom also **you TRUSTED**, after you had heard the word of truth, the **gospel of your SALVATION**: in whom also after you had BELIEVED, you were **SEALED with the Holy Spirit** of promise, which is the **guarantee (pledge)** of our inheritance until the REDEMPTION of the PURCHASED possession, unto the praise of His glory."
- **Ephesians 4:30** "And do not grieve the **HOLY SPIRIT of God**, by whom **you were SEALED** for the day of redemption."
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray (ask) the Father, and He will give YOU another Helper, that **HE may ABIDE with you FOREVER**, even the SPIRIT of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees HIM nor knows HIM; but **YOU know HIM**, for HE dwells with you, and **will be IN YOU.**"
- **Titus 3:4-6** "But when the KINDNESS and the LOVE of GOD our Savior toward man appeared, **NOT by works** of righteousness which we have done, but **according to**

His MERCY He SAVED us, by the WASHING of regeneration (being born again) and **RENEWING of the HOLY SPIRIT**; which He shed on us **ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Savior.**" **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For **by GRACE** you have been saved **through FAITH**, and that not of yourselves, it is **the GIFT of God; NOT of WORKS**, lest anyone should boast."

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What happens at some point if you are DOUBTING YOUR SALVATION? - Satan may come and plant doubts in your mind about whether you are really saved. "**The ACCUSER of the Brethren**" is another title for Satan ("Brethren" means "brothers and sisters" - Christians). Satan "ACCUSES us day and night," and this word, "accuse" means to "charge with some offense." **If you belong to Jesus**, and you feel you are under condemnation, Romans 8:1 says that the **CONDEMNATION is NOT from God**. The Holy Spirit brings **CONVICTION of sin** to the Christian (He gently but firmly **CONVINCES** us of the **WRONG** we are doing), but He does not **CONDEMN** us if we **BELONG** to **JESUS**. Any condemnation you might feel is coming from Satan, not God.

- **Revelation 12:9-10** "So the great dragon was cast (thrown) out, that serpent of old, called the **devil and Satan**, who **deceives** the whole world; he was cast to (thrown down to) the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the ACCUSER of our brethren, who ACCUSED them day and night**, has been cast down.'"
- **Romans 8:33-34** "Who shall **bring a CHARGE (accusation)** against God's elect (chosen ones)? It is God who justifies. Who is he who **CONDEMN**s? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also makes INTERCESSION for us.**"

Don't let Satan or anyone else cause you to doubt your salvation because of something you did - some sin you committed. You do NOT lose your salvation once you are born again into God's family. **Since you were NOT saved by your GOOD behavior, you do not LOSE your salvation by your BAD behavior.** You didn't **EARN** it, you only had to **RECEIVE** it - it is a total free gift! **GRACE** means unmerited or **UNEARNED** favor - being accepted and loved by God when we have done **NOTHING** and **CAN DO NOTHING** to **EARN** or **DESERVE** it. Because **it is ALL God's work**, and not our own, **NO ONE** can "boast" of how their good behavior got them saved in the first place. The only "unforgiveable sin" is to **NOT believe** in Jesus and accept Him as your Savior - **every other sin** you have done or could possibly think of was **PAID** for on the cross!

- **John 10:28-29** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them **ETERNAL life**, and **they shall never perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."
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