

The Book Of Life

Scripture: Revelation 20:11-15, 21:27

Introduction

Repeatedly throughout the scriptures mention is made of a book in which is the record of the citizenry of heaven. It is called the Lamb's book of life.

I. It is the registry of heaven's citizenry

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

A. Who's who of humanity--Hebrews 11

B. Not a list of hopefuls

1. The blood-washed redeemed

Revelation 7:14 ... And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

2. Not the list of those who "thought they were ready"

II. It is a list of those delivered from Satan's captivity to become conquering heroes

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

A. Delivered from the jaws of defeat

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.

1. Israel at the Red Sea

2. Pnomh Penh rescue operation

B. Those who have dealt with sin

1. Nothing brings defeat faster than sin

a. Israel at Ai

b. Samson

2. Dealing with sin turns defeat into victory

III. It is the criterion which determines final sentence for eternity

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

A. The final book consulted at the judgement

B. The record of those who have received the executive pardon