

## THE BOOK OF LIFE

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- I. When The Light \_shines\_, darkness \_disappears\_
- Rev 20:9-10; I John 1:5;  
I Tim 6:13b-16; Heb 12:29;  
Deut 4:24
- A. \_Earth\_ and \_sky\_ \_flee\_ away
- Rev 21:1; Ps 78:69;  
Rom 8:19-21; Acts 3:21;  
Matt 19:28; 24:35;  
Ps 102:25-27; Isa 51:6;  
II Pet 3:5-7, 10-14;
- B. When He “\_shows\_ \_up\_,” there is \_no\_ \_place\_ for anything \_unholy\_
- John 18:4-6
- II. The \_dead\_ are \_judged\_ by what’s in the \_books\_
- A. The “\_dead\_” are \_resurrected\_ for \_judgment\_
- Dan 12:1-3; John 5:28-29;  
Acts 24:15; Rev 20:5-6;  
John 5:24-25;  
Matt 22:31-32
- B. The \_books\_ record the \_evidence\_ for \_judgment\_
- Dan 7:9-10; Matt 12:36;  
Rom 2:5-6; Luke 8:17;  
I Tim 1:9; 5:24; Titus 3:4-5
- III. However, the content of \_one\_ \_book\_ determines each person’s \_destiny\_
- A. Those whose \_names\_ are not \_written\_ in the book of \_life\_ are thrown into the \_lake\_ of \_fire\_
- Mark 9:43-48;  
Matt 13:40-43; 25:41; 10:28
- B. We don’t have to be \_blind-sided\_
- II Cor 4:4; Matt 7:21-23;  
II Kings 6:17; Luke 10:20;  
I John 5:1a, 10-13;  
Luke 18:9-14; Rom 2:4?

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

*The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).*

### RELATE

1. Ever been blindsided -- you were involved in something, pretty confident it was headed one way, and it turned out completely different? Share with your group.

### REVIEW

1. Looking back over this week’s sermon on the Great White Throne and the Book of Life, was there anything that confused or challenged you?
2. Read II Corinthians 4:4 and Matthew 7:21-23. In these passages, how are people blinded to spiritual realities? From our passage what are the potential consequences of that blindness?
3. Why are there no rainbows, spirits, thunders, music, etc. around the throne? What are the two adjectives that describe the throne? What are the implications?
4. Who are “the dead?” Who is NOT included in this group?

## APPLICATION/DIG

1. Do you think there are some who believe their names are written in the book but are not? How could that happen? Could there be any at Bethel?
  
2. What does it mean to be saved (justified)? Read the following verses:  
  
Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10-18, 23, 6:23: What is the problem?  
  
Isaiah 53:6, Luke 18:13-14, John 1:12-13, 3:3-7, 14-17, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 5:8, 10:9, 13 - What is the solution?  
  
John 3:15, Acts 2:38, Romans 5:1, 8:1, 8:38-39 - What are the results?
  
3. God makes it clear in 1 John 5:13 that he wants us to know we have eternal life. From the verses below, name three things that confirm we have eternal life:
  1. 1 John 5:9-13
  
  2. Romans 8:16, 1 Thessalonians 1:5
  
  3. Colossians 1:6; 1 John 2:3-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:9
  
4. Considering the two questions above, are you confident your name is written in the Book of Life?