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Transcript

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Turning now in the Scriptures to the last book of the Bible, to the book of Revelation in chapter 20.

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The book of Revelation in chapter 20, and reading from verse 11.

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Let us hear God's holy word.

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And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away,

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and there was found no place for them.

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And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God.

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And the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life.

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And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works.

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And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them.

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and they were judged every man according to their works and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire this is the second death and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire and we the Lord will bless his word now tonight our subject the title of this message is the book of life the book

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of life and you find it there in verse 12 and you also find it in verse 15, Revelation chapter 20 verses 12 and verses 15.

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Now last week I was considering this subject and I thought of an occasion a few months ago now where I was walking in a park and I sat down on a bench and on that bench where was a little plaque

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And on the plaque is these simple words dedicated to E.W., who led a good life.

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I looked at the plaque, and I looked a little closer, and then it said, See the poster, or the plaque that's at the entrance to the park.

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And as I read about this person, I realized it was a man.

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I realized that he was well known in the area, that he was described as a gentleman, a kind, thoughtful man, a gentleman who is highly respected in the community, did a lot of good, who organized and made various walks for the public to enjoy, but also was involved in a lot of charitable works.

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However, with all the notoriety he received, I did not read that he was a Christian man.

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Now, this man had been a good man, a gentle man, according to the standards of our society.

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We would have been delighted to know him and to be his friend.

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But he wasn't a man of the Bible, and he wasn't a man who was God's child.

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He had more fame than most of us could ever dream of.

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He had this lovely plaque on the seat, and he had this lovely case with this embossed display.

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But like everyone else, his name had been written in an obituary somewhere, and he had passed away.

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How tragic.

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His name was recorded for all to remember him, but had God remembered him?

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Had he been saved?

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Had he become a child of God?

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I never read any of this, and I sadly doubt if he had.

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However, tonight we're looking at this text, and we're looking at the Book of Life.

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But before that, I want you to note with me the occasion.

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This is the day that

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all of creation is moving towards.

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We have timetables, we have schedules that we have to keep.

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Some of us would rather not have a schedule to keep, but we have to.

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But God has a schedule and a timetable too.

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And there's one clear day marked on God's calendar.

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It's the final day of the world.

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The final day of creation.

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If you noticed with me, on that great day, there will be a great white throne erected.

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It won't be an earthly king sitting on this throne.

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It certainly won't be a president or a prime minister.

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They will be standing, if they're able, to hear what the king on the throne will say.

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There won't be much of a

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talk, there won't be much conversation, because sitting on that throne is God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Who is the one who alone can sit on that throne and judge men, women, and children?

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And you might say, well, that's a long time away, but is it?

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John was writing these words in the first century,

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probably around the 90 AD, about 30 or 60 years after the Lord Jesus Christ had gone, ascended into heaven.

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And Christ was sitting at the right hand of the Father.

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But here we read that dead, small and great will stand before God.

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You and I will be there, our neighbors will be there.

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Our friends will be there.

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Our family will be there.

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And there'll be one great concern on every single person's mind.

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What is God's assessment of me now?

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Now, I know this won't be popular today, but this is the message that God would have us think about, because believe you me,

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Although people claim that they can deny God, and because they deny his existence, therefore he doesn't exist, they will know on that day that God does exist.

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And their judgment will be sounded forth.

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We'll all be there.

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All the nations of the world are gathered.

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All the people that were alive when Christ returned.

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All the people that had died before Christ has returned.

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The dead will rise up.

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The sea, astonishing to think of it.

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All those lost at sea over the thousands of years, they all will be there.

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Those who were in hell will be there.

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All those who have died will be there, and all those who are living will be there, and you and I will be there too.

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This is the last day of the universe.

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If you noticed a little about the heavens had fled away, all things have been dismantled and disintegrated, and there on that throne, on this great judgment day, all the mass of humanity will be gathered.

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On that throne will sit the most glorious, majestic judge that ever held court.

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But don't think, dear friend, that we will be exempt, because we're all there.

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Even Christians are there, even believers will be there, the great and the small, the good and the bad.

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the most malicious people that have ever lived, and the most kindest charitable people that have ever lived, all will be there.

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As I said, on that throne will sit the Son of God.

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We won't probably see the Father and the Son, but they will be present too.

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But all the judgment, all the authority has been handed over to the Son, Jesus Christ.

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And then notice what John records in verse 12, The books were opened.

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And before we look at the book of life, I just want you to see here the books.

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It's word books.

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They were opened.

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These books are the biblia.

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They're the books that God has recorded for us.

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And these books are a record of each human being has been kept in God's memory.

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Their lives, their actions, all that they did in this life.

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Do you notice how John emphasizes their works?

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Why their works?

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Because their works are a reflection of their heart condition.

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Did they do work for the Lord or did they work for themselves?

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What all the people have done is recorded.

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It will be exhibited on the final trial.

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This great has sizes.

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This imagery is derived from the accusations made against such as are held forth by the human courts of justice.

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But unlike human courts of justice, this court is final and it is just.

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We live in a day when courts, even courts in the Supreme Court, don't get everything right.

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In London, if you go to the Supreme Court and sit there and hear some of these terrible, complicated cases, you'll probably think to yourself, Well, how will they ever work this out?

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But God doesn't have that problem.

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God's judgment is final, and God's judgment

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will be carried out.

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We live in a society and sociologists divide society into the rich and those who have a decent standard of living and those who lived below the poverty line.

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God divides society differently.

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The haves and the have-nots.

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Those who have the gospel and have been saved by the grace of God and are now children of God, they have salvation and the have-nots.

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Those who do not know Christ, do not know God the Father, do not know the work of the Holy Spirit.

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And let's think a little further about these books.

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I've got certain people I had in mind as I prepared this.

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Probably I'll start with the worst so that we can get to something a little more manageable.

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First of all, the God-rejecting life.

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Ah, here's the person who lives as they please and hates even the thought or mention of God.

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They hate God.

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They reject God.

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They live for themselves.

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They are their own God.

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You might think of celebrities, famous rock stars, singers, footballers, whatever they might be.

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This past week, a famous female rock star died.

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Did she live a God-honoring life?

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Alas, alas.

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Some philosophers, some great intellectuals have died recently.

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Some have had their 100th birthday celebrated.

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But do they recognize God?

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No, they reject God out of hand.

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They're not going to have this God rule over them.

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They're not going to have God's standards shared with them.

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This is the God rejecting life.

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There's another type of person.

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A second book will be opened.

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This will be the one who's indifferent to God.

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They're not outwardly against God.

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They don't reject God.

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If you spoke to them, they'd be quite okay and even open to talking about God.

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but they're indifferent.

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They live a life that's indifferent to God.

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Some of our own relatives and friends live like this.

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They're nice people.

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They're kind people.

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They're thoughtful people.

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Sometimes they're the best neighbors of all, but they're indifferent to God.

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They don't reject the gospel outwardly.

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They would never pour scorn upon your gospel or upon your

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faith in Christ, but it doesn't affect them.

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They're indifferent.

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The gospel doesn't mean much to them.

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In fact, Christ doesn't mean much to them at all.

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And they even have, perhaps at times, grown up in a Christian home, or even sat under a gospel ministry, and they've heard the truth, and they've heard the earnest, loving appeals

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of a gospel preacher.

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And they've rejected it.

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In their hearts they've rejected it.

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But there's another type of life.

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There's a selfish life.

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It's the worldly life.

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We're reading their life now.

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They're perhaps a rich person or a rich man or a rich woman.

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They live for self.

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Oh, they don't have any inherent interest in the true God or the God of the Bible, but they have an interest in one God, themselves.

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They live for themselves.

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Woe betide you stand on that little idol.

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Woe betide you show them how they live is a reflection of their selfishness.

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Do you remember the rich farmer?

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How foolish he was.

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Jesus told us about him.

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He sees that he's got a great bountiful harvest, and he decides rather than share with the poor, no doubt it was poor in those days, he decided he'd pull down all his barns, rebuild bigger ones, and then have a nice, comfortable retirement.

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Selfish life.

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You find them all throughout Scripture.

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There's a fourth type of life I want you to consider tonight, the failed life.

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Failed.

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They may have impressed in many ways, they may have done many things, but their life, sadly, underneath everything, this word failed.

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Why did they fail?

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They failed to think of the one thing, to consider the one thing needful, to consider their never dying souls.

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There's a fifth type of life.

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It's the idealistic life.

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Here's the history of a person, a man or a woman, who lived according to their own ideals.

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They're great thinkers.

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They're great intellectuals.

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They're well-known.

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They've written books.

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They have done presentations.

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They fill conference halls.

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But they live according to their own philosophical ideals.

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You could sum it up like this.

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Nobody should own anything.

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and then nobody will be selfish.

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That's an idea.

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That leaves out the most glaring, obvious situation of all, that our hearts are selfish.

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You could look at some of the communism or socialism that's so popular today, and behind it all is this idea that we can live an idealistic life.

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But friends, we can't live an idealistic life because sin is so deadly.

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There's A6 type of person.

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It's the empty life.

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James sums it up in James 4 and verse 14, he says, life is but a vapor.

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One moment it's there and the next moment it's gone.

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It's like the lovely mist on the hills around us.

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Sometimes you can start, I believe, I've never done this around here, but you start in the valley and there's a mist at the top.

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And you think that this mist is right hanging over the summit of this hill, or most likely a mountain.

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I did climb mountains in the past, nothing like here, but I did climb some smaller mountains down south, in Wales particularly.

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And I found it was extraordinary.

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You'd start climbing, and you'd start very early to make sure you were back before dark.

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And you climb up, and you'd be with a team, and you'd get to the midway, and the mist is still up there,

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And then lo and behold, as you push yourself on and get through the mist, and the summit is above you, it's as clear as day.

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The sun is streaming down.

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And that's what life is like.

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It's a mist.

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And there's so many people living for this life, and for the empty promises of this life.

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Sadly, you could summarize this as a purposeless life.

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There's no cohesion.

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Life is fragmentary and broken.

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There's scattered fragments of the person's life all over the place, but it's all recorded in the book, remember.

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Seventh, there's a presumed life.

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This is the unreal life.

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This is the pretend life.

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This is a life that seems to have some substance but doesn't.

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The Lord Jesus tells us what their people are like.

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He says they have a name to live but is dead.

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A life

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that has the lamp but not the oil in the vessel.

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There's so many like this.

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And the last one, well, let me give you a summary.

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The Christian life, let me give you some people to think about.

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The courageous life, the life that truly came to understand their greatest, the person's greatest need was salvation in Christ alone.

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And they lived a courageous life, they lived for the things of God,

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They stood up against falsehood and all manner of evil.

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They were probably crucified.

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And if they weren't crucified, they were burned at the stake.

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But they were courageous.

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They were full of holy boldness and Christ-honoring zeal.

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There's another type of Christian life, the selfless service.

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I'm here to serve my Savior.

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I've taken up my cross, I've denied myself, and I'm following Him.

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It doesn't mean that you destroy yourself in the service.

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That's not what the Bible teaches.

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But our whole aim is to serve Him.

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And you might think, Well, how can I serve Him?

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Ah, you can serve Him in a hundred thousand ways, if only you think about it.

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We don't build a cross for ourselves.

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We don't fear the world's oppression.

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We live for Him.

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We know that Christ's suffering and Calvary was all was sufficient for our salvation, and therefore now we live for Him.

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Our lives are cross-shaped.

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There may be another aspect to Him.

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a useful life, a life that's practical, involved in serving the Lord.

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And lastly, a Christ-aiming life.

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And I know there's much there, but I want to encourage you, if you're any of those last four categories, you're definitely, your name is written in another book.

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And that's the thing.

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There's a contrast of the books, and there's so many of them.

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Now, of course, we don't deal in books anymore, we deal in online, we deal with virtual books.

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But if you could imagine taking time to go to a museum and asking for an ancient book, what would the curator of the museum give you?

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He'd give you special gloves to hold this precious book.

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I've had that experience a few years ago when I was in London, I went to a particular library

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And I asked to see this book.

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Well, I booked it in advance and they brought it out and they brought in this case.

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It was a 16th century book.

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It was only one left in the world of this type of book.

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And he gave me gloves and I said, No, no, no, I won't even put on the gloves.

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I just want you to leaf the book for me.

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Find that page.

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How will it be for us?

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Here's all the books opened up.

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Our names, our character, even ourselves, we hear it read out.

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In some way, we know that that's us.

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And yet there's another book.

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And this is the book I want us just to briefly look at.

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It's called, in these two places and in other places, the Book of Life.

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The Book of Life.

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It's God's book.

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It's the preserve of God.

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God has this book.

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And in this book, we'll see in a moment what they are.

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Literally, the word here in the original language is book.

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It's the inner bark of the papyrus plant.

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Did you know that ancient Egyptians found that they could write on these

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papyri growing by the River Nile.

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And that's how ancient writing was inscribed.

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Of course, it was very costly, and only the most important things were recorded.

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But did you know also that paper was discovered by the Chinese in the first-- in 100 AD?

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It arrived in--

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the Islamic world in the 8th century, and then it finally arrived in Europe in the 11th century.

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This book, we could imagine of this great scroll.

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That's the idea here.

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That's what John is thinking about, a great scroll.

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And it's the book of life.

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We get our word zoology.

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It's the book of living, not the dead.

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It's interesting, isn't it?

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It's the book of those who are alive.

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Alive in what respect?

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Alive to God.

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They have the principle of Christ and the principle of salvation and the principle of eternal life.

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They have it already.

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And here they are.

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They're all lined up.

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This is the book.

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Ah, this book means an awful lot.

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it's mentioned in Revelation 3 and verse 5 when Christ promises not to blot us our names out of this book it's the first place in Revelation it's also mentioned Revelation 13 verse 8 it's the it's um and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him whose names are not written in the book of the life of the lamb slain who's the him that they're worshiping well it's Satan of course it's the false prophet

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those who proclaim to have a religious intention, and yet the religion is not true.

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It's not Christianity.

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He mentioned similarly in Revelation 17:8, and he gives us more details.

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But I want you to notice it's not a book of births, it's not a book of deaths, it's a book

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which are personal record.

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The apostle Paul mentions this in the Philippians 4 and verse 3, Whose names are in the book of life.

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And I treat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, with other my fellow laborers, whose names are written in the book of life.

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It is the record of all God's people, their actions and their works on earth, those that were seen and those were unseen, those that were public and those that were private.

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It's all there.

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So that's the first thing, it's, what's this book?

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Secondly, who owns it?

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27, we're told it's the Lamb's Book of Life.

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It's the Lamb's Book of Life, and isn't it right and proper that it's the Lamb's Book?

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It's the Lord's book.

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It's the Lord's book because in that book are written some very precious names to Him.

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We'll see that in a moment.

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Imagine queuing for a concert or a VIP event.

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Imagine going to some classical music concert, something that everybody is in black tie.

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And you arrive at the front desk,

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The security guards are as big as houses.

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You dare not push past them.

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You want to get into this event.

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And you hand in this form that says that you're admitted.

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And then somebody looks at the form and says, no, no, no, this is not the event for you.

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You see, there's a lot of people who think that they are the lambs when they're not.

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I read recently of a couple

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that were going to their friend's wedding.

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The problem is that they were brought to the wrong destination, and they ended up gate-crashing someone else's wedding.

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The lovely thing is that the couple whose wedding they had gate-crashed accepted them anyway, because they knew they'd completely gone wrong, and they would never get to their friend's wedding.

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They had to apologize to their friend,

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and his bride, because they hadn't made the wedding.

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Ah, but there's a much more important wedding, the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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You see, it's the Lamb's book.

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It belongs to him.

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He knows all their names.

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He knows every single person.

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That's his from all eternity.

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And he knows, too, who was in that book.

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You see, what is this book?

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It's God's book, it's a record of all of those who are his.

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Secondly, it's who owns it, it's the Lamb's book.

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Thirdly, whose names are there?

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I like to think of them as the Lamb's guests, because of course I just mentioned the marriage supper.

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And you know that once this great judgment has passed, there's another great event for all of God's people.

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It's the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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We haven't time to go into that detail.

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But I did mention this a few months ago, the marriage supper.

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That will be an extraordinary event, the greatest marriage supper of all.

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Indeed, the great Savior himself will preside there and he will host his marriage supper to his bride.

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The Lord gives a wonderful assurance when he says, He that cover cometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment,

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And I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father.

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I wonder, will our names be there?

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On what grounds should our names be in that book?

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Christ knows who are his, we don't know who's his.

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Well, the first thing we must realize is that only those who have trusted in the finished work of Jesus Christ, their names are there.

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Only those who have understood that sin is far more serious.

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And it's not just about how we live.

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It's not just about how we think.

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It's all part of our whole DNA.

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There's only one way we can be forgiven of this sin.

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There's only one way we can have clean hearts and pure minds.

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And it's through Christ.

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We have understood something of our sin, but then we have understood something of our salvation.

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What it means to be forgiven.

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What does it mean?

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It means the great debt that we owe God has been cancelled.

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It means that we have understood what it cost the Savior to save us from our sins.

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The cross for many people is just a religious symbol.

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But for the true child of God, it is the place, it is the grounds, it is the foundation of our salvation.

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You see, the cross means far more to a Christian, because that is where our Savior hung and bled and died for our sins.

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That is where He satisfied God's rob.

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That is where He secured our peace and pardon with God.

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That is where the Christian, and that's why Paul exalted in the cross, God forbid that I should boast, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, of which the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

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He preached the cross, he proclaimed the cross, and he lived under the cross.

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See, that's why to be a Christian, to be a child of God, to be one of those of the Lamb's guests means so much.

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Not only did Christ die on the cross for sinners, but He was buried in the tomb and He rose again the third day and ascended into glory.

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Next time somebody dismisses your Christianity,

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Remember what Christ suffered and remember the cost that he undertook on our behalf.

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Somebody says, well, I can atone for my own sin.

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Well, they don't use those words.

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I can pay for my own sin, even if they admit they're sinners.

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Well, that's impossible, because every sin is of eternal consequence.

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Here are the list of the people who are his redeemed.

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We sing a lovely little hymn, Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it, redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

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What does it mean to be redeemed?

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It means to have you, be purchased.

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You don't belong to yourself anymore.

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You belong to Christ.

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He purchased you and I at the cross.

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It's also, you could describe the Christian, all these lambs' guests, those of the church of the firstborn, Hebrews 12, verse 23.

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It also includes all the pilgrims that Peter writes about in his epistles.

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Those who have lived for Christ in their earthly pilgrimage, their names are there.

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They know that their sins have been paid for.

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They know God's wrath has been, divine wrath has been satisfied, and they're safe.

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Samuel Rutherford, one of the great writers of a previous generation, says this.

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He doesn't just talk about the supper, he talks about the throne.

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The Lamb's guests meet before the throne.

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I beseech you, by the mercies of the Lord, by the sighs, the tears, and the heart's blood of our Lord Jesus, by the salvation of your poor and precious souls, set up the mountain that you and I may meet before the Lamb's throne amongst the great congregation of the redeemed.

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So we've seen something of the book.

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We've seen something of the, who owns this book is the lamb.

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We've seen something of the, whose names are in this book.

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And finally, and very briefly, maybe there's someone here saying, how do I ensure my name is in that book?

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How can I do such a thing?

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Well, it wouldn't matter how much money you have.

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It wouldn't even matter how much assets you possess.

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It wouldn't matter if you're the richest man or woman in the world.

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You can't buy a place.

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You cannot buy a section of this book and have your name inscribed there.

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There's nothing that we can pay to have our names inscribed there.

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And what about we're worth?

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Maybe somebody says, Well, I'm worthy of having my name in this book.

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Not according to the Bible.

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We're all unworthy.

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But the thing is this.

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Someone else has written our names there.

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That's a marvel of this.

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I know we haven't looked at the whole passage, but I just want you to notice this.

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Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things.

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I want you to notice somewhere else.

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27, There shall no wise enter into any a thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they which are written.

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Ah, written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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Who wrote our names there?

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It wasn't a human being, it wasn't a holy angel.

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He was God Himself.

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This book contains all the people that He gave His Son before the world was made.

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Our names are already written down there.

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So how can we ensure that our names are in the Lamb's Book of Life?

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Well,

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We've understood our sin before God and we've believed on His Son to be our Saviour.

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That's one way of putting it.

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Another way of putting it is this, that we have trusted in the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.

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We're relying on Him and Him alone for our salvation.

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We have the Holy Spirit working in our lives and He is testifying to us day in, day out that we are children of God.

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The only way we can have our names written down there is by faith in Christ alone.

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The only way we can guarantee that our names are surely written there is by God's grace.

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It's a book of remembrance.

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that all of those who have lived for God and have died living for the Lord, their names are there.

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There's a little phrase I found in a hymn and I thought I'd share it.

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None other than lamb, no other name, no other hope in heaven or earth or sea, no other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee.

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Ah, once our names are written down in the lambs,

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Book of life.

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I read it earlier.

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He will not blot our names out of his book.

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So many people would laugh at that.

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But the Christian knows right well, it's because of Christ that they are forgiven.

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And it's because of God's grace that they are his and will be kept his, preserved by his grace, forever.

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So the Lamb's Book of Life, are your names written down there?

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That's one thing to sing a song.

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I remember singing a few years ago, is your name written down in heaven?

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Well, I trust it is, but I'd rather sing, is our names written down in the Lamb's Book of Life?

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And we might be thinking even now as we close, what about all those who have never heard

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Leave that to the Lord.

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Our role is to tell others that our names are written down in the Lamb's Book of Life, not because of our effort, not because of our worth, not because of our ability to buy our place there, but because Christ purchased it for us.

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And once we're his, we're his for ever.

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Well, the Lamb's Book of Life

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As we conclude with our final hymn, it's number 328, let me just read a hymn that came to my mind and I thought, this is a hymn from 477, Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain, thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train, hallelujah, God appears on earth to reign.

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That's our Savior.

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That's the hope, that's the certainty, that's the assurance of a true Christian.

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Well, let us pray.

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Our gracious God and loving Father, we thank Thee for this evening hour.

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Oh, we're thankful that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God.

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He is the Savior of sinners.

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As John the Baptist said, Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

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And oh, we're so grateful for revealing to us our sin, and our shame, and our guilt, and showing us that we could have our sins forgiven through Christ and Christ alone.

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We, Lord, look to thee.

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We look to no other.

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We live a life, O Lord, in this world and it's so short.

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We trust that each one of us here tonight, and many others besides, will be living for the Lamb, because our names are written down in the Lamb's book of life.

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So bless each dear one here.

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Seal thy word to each heart.

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We ask in the Savior's name.

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And by the Spirit of God, may this gospel continue to go forth, and many, many, many more souls come to Christ and repent of their sins, and trust in Christ alone as their Savior.

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Maybe there's someone here tonight, Lord, they're not far from the kingdom.

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Oh, that they would repent and believe and yield their life up to Christ.

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and be able to say Christ is not only the Lamb of God, but He's my Saviour too.

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We ask in the Saviour's name.

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Amen.