# IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

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"Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,"

Hebrews 9:27

"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 who were in it, and Death 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 not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**"

Revelation 20:11-15

Everyone is destined to die, including you. After death, we will stand before God to be judged because He is our Creator, and he has given us life, and we are all accountable to him.

### So, are you ready to stand before God?

The scripture says that those who are not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. This is eternal separation from God, which is the portion of the devil and his demons, yet man by choosing to follow the ways of sin, chooses to meet the same fate. Only those whose names are written in the book of life will enter heaven to dwell with God for eternity.

### Let your name be written in the Book of Life today by obeying Acts 2:38!

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39

- Repent! Acknowledge your sin and turn away from it
- Be baptised in the name of Jesus! Be immersed in water to wash away your sins, calling on the name of Jesus.
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit! Be baptised with the Spirit of God, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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## Questions and Answers

### Why Can't I enter Heaven because I am a Good Person?

The Scripture makes it clear that no one is righteous (good) before God. Romans 3:23 states that, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Isaiah proclaims that our righteousness (good deeds) in the eyes of God are as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). You may seem good in your own standard or the standard of the world but when you stand before God on Judgement Day He will judge you according to the standard of His holiness. Everyone has fallen short of this standard and must accept God's free grace through obedience to the Gospel.

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature. **He who believes and is baptised will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned"

Mark 16:15-16

### I was baptised as an infant, is my baptism valid?

According to the scripture, Infant baptism is not biblical. There is no place in the New Testament where a baby was baptised. The reason simply is that an infant does not have the capacity to believe let alone repent. Before you are baptised in Jesus' name, you have to believe in Jesus Christ and what he did for you on the Cross. Therefore, the scripture says "he who believes and is baptised will be saved." In Acts 2:38, the mandate of the Gospel, is to repent and to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. To repent, you must be conscious of your sin and acknowledge it; an infant does not have this capacity as they are not able to discern between good and evil. Therefore, if you were baptised as an infant you have to be re-baptised again in the name of Jesus Christ.

### I was baptised in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

A lot of people do not realise that no one in the Bible was baptised in the "name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Everyone who was baptised in the New Testament was baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. For example, In **Acts 2:38-41** three thousand souls were baptised in the name of Jesus, in **Acts 8:12-16** the Samaritan people were baptised in the name of Jesus by Philip, In **Acts 10:47-48** Cornelius and his house were baptised in the name of Jesus by Peter. In **Acts 22:16**, Paul the Apostle was baptised in the name of Jesus, and in **Acts 19:5**, the people of Ephesus were baptised by Paul in the name of Jesus Christ.

According to **Ephesians 4:5**, there is only one baptism that is recognised in heaven for the work of salvation. This baptism is the baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. **Acts 4:12** "Nor is there salvation in any other, **for there is no other name** under heaven given among men **by which we must be saved**." Therefore, your baptism is not biblical and you have to be rebaptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at 0412 948 501