

Sermon Notes – God’s Book of Life Can’t Be Changed

Romans 8:35-39 and Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

I. Temporary knowledge and temporary power means temporary _____

Examples...

Rom. 8:35 – Constantly changing dangers and _____

8:36 – God’s people might even be _____

8:37 – These situations are not in charge – more than conquerors in Christ

- Does not mean there is no suffering. It means these do not _____

8:38-39 – What power, entity or part of the universe does Paul not include?

- Nothing is able to separates us from the love of God in _____ Jesus.

II. Who Decides the Future of God’s People?

Not powers of this _____ (see point I above!)

Not you and me.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

God's Book of Life from Before the Foundation of the World

Revelation 3:5 - *The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.*

13:8 - *...and all who dwell on earth will worship it [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*

20:12, 15 - *And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

21:22-27 - *And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

- World's Events and Powers Are Not in Charge, God Is
- Temporary Suffering May Come to God's People in His Plan, but God Plans Permanent Life and Permanent Rest. God Keeps His _____ Even in Suffering.
- Death and Resurrection of God's Son Finalized the Outcome: Death and Evil Are Defeated
- Nobody Changes God's Book of Life
- We enter every new year with _____ in charge.