

Aveleigh's Happiness Project Week 8
October 22, 2017
Sermon, PHILLIPIANS 4:1-3 HEAVEN'S RESIDENTS REGISTER
Phil. 4:1-3 p. 1266

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1. THEREFORE, THEREFORE WHAT? Phil.4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2. Who are Euodia, Syntyche, and Clement? ² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. NIV

3. What is the book of life?

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Old Testament Mentions

Ex. 30: ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” ³³ The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation.²⁸ May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous. ²⁹ But as for me, afflicted and in pain—may your salvation, God, protect me.

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New Testament Mentions

Rev. 3:4-5 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. NIV

Rev13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. NIV

Rev.20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. NIV

4. CAN A NAME BE BLOTTED OUT?

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5. How do I get my name in the book of life?

John 3:3-7 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." NIV

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I ask for all our Aveleigh Church family, for all their families, and all their acquittances, grant us Your spiritual gift of joy, that we always may be happy. Amen

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Call to worship

Leader: A blessing of happiness for you -- will you take it?

People: Let us choose today.

Leader: A word of happiness from the heart -- will you speak it?

People: We will choose today.

Leader: Will you happily believe, or your Savior neglect?

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: Will you happily receive, or his mercy reject?

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader let us worship God, happily

Prayer of confession

Our gracious Savior, how many times must we fall before you in repentance? We are so broken. We desire to be holy, but apart from you, we are nothing. Thank you for forgiveness that is higher and wider and deeper than the ocean. Your grace extends beyond the sky. We confess our weakness and failure, knowing that you see us no longer as sinners, but as Your holy children, chosen and dearly loved. Pick us up, for we have fallen. We choose to happily run to you. We are your grateful sons and daughters. Amen.