



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"You should be on a roll, in more ways than one."

Will Your Name be in the Book?

As part-time, Tax Collector of Mount Wolf Borough, I am responsible to collect a \$20 per capita tax from everyone over the age of 18 that lives in my district. My district is just over a square mile. In that square mile, I collect from about 1,000 people. You would think that in this small area it would be easy. However, in the 15 years of doing this I have added over 1,900 names, 54 changed their last name, 136 died, and 1,700 were removed. It really keeps me busy keeping the tax roll up-to-date. But there is a book of names which is more important than any tax roll. It is God's Book of Life.

God's Book of Life is a list of all those for whom Christ died, which includes the names of all humanity. When Christ died on the cross, He died "for the sins of the whole world" 1 John 2:2. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise ...not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 "For God so loved the world.." John 3:16

During our life on earth, we are all given opportunities of accepting God's plan of salvation. That plan included believing in the coming Messiah during the Old Testament or believing what Christ did on the cross in the New Testament. But, if we fail to believe and accept this invitation, while on earth, our name is then blotted out of His Book of Life which will lead to eternal hell. (Ps 69:28, Ex 32:31-33, Rev 22:19).

This is similar to getting an invitation to a wedding. Your name is on the roll with a planned reservation for you at the event. By accepting the invitation, your name remains on the list and you are welcomed to the celebration. But if you ignored or even reject the invitation, your name is then removed or blotted out from the list and you lose your reserved place.

If we accept the invitation of Christ's salvation, by faith alone, our name is then sealed in His Book of Life which would lead to eternal life. (Rev 3:5, Phil 4:3, Luke 10:20, Eph 1:13). (For those who never reached the maturity level to consciously make the decision, by God's Grace, their name remains on the roll.) God never intended to send anyone to Hell. He provided a way for each one to have eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ.

God has your name written in His Book with a place reserved just for you. However, it is up to you to accept His invitation. Please don't be blotted out by not accepting. It is easy. Confess that you are a sinner, ask Him for forgiveness, and claim Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. You must be on a roll.

You may not be in my book.

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PER CAPITA / OCCUPATION TAX		TAXING AUTHORITY	
TAXPAYER NAME AND ADDRESS	HEAD TAX	RESIDENT TAX	OCCUPATION TAX
STAMBAUGH CHARLES L 76 S 3RD ST PO BOX 612 MOUNT WOLF PA 17947	5.00	5.00	10.00
STAMBAUGH JUSTIN T 76 S 3RD ST PO BOX 612 MOUNT WOLF PA 17947	5.00	5.00	10.00
STAMBAUGH SUSAN E 76 S 3RD ST PO BOX 612 MOUNT WOLF PA 17947	5.00	5.00	10.00

*But will your name
be in the Book of Life?*



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"For whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of fire." Rev 20:15



"...him will I blot out of my book." Ex 32:33

(For more on this Book of Life view, see J. Hampton Keathley's III at Bible.org/seriespage/revelation-appendix-6-book-life)

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