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## I. Book of Life

A. Passages: Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; 22:19.

B. A summary of the biblical teaching on the Book of Life follows. The Book of Life, referring to both physical (cf. Ps. 139:16) and spiritual life (cf. Gen. 2:7), originally contained all the names of mankind. Adam's name was written within it and his spiritual journey went from life, to sin and death, to faith and life (life-death-life). Since his fall, all have an Adamic nature, are sinners, and are condemned (cf. Jn. 3:18). But the old nature does not take a sinner to hell, but what does take a sinner to hell is the unconfessed sin that confirms the old nature when the individual reaches the age of accountability. Paul declared that he had the same spiritual journey as Adam, saying, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died" (Rom. 7:9). Paul had life, he coveted and sinned confirming his old nature (Rom. 7:7), and had the Damascus road spiritual life experience with the Lord Jesus (life-death-life). The sinner who will not repent of the sins that confirm his old nature and believe on the Lord, will eventually die in his sins and be blotted out of the Book of Life (Eph. 2:1; Rev. 3:5; 20:11-15). The elect (all for whom Christ died which is all) must obtain his/her salvation by meeting God's requirements of repentance and faith, and therefore maintain personal placement in the Book of Life (II Tim. 2:10). The Beast worshippers will remove their names from the Book of Life apparently when they receive his mark of 666. The Great White Throne Judgment will be an examination of the names remaining in the Book of Life, and those blotted out will be judged on the basis of their works and their violations of the Bible (Mt. 4:4), and cast into their appropriate portion of the everlasting Lake of Fire.

## II. Election

- A. God the Father elected all (I Pet. 1:2; Jn. 6:37, 44).
- B. Christ died for all (I Tim. 4:10; II Pet. 2:1; I Jn. 2:1-2).
- C. Elect must obtain salvation and make calling and election sure (II Tim. 2:10; II Pet. 1:10)
- D. Everlasting fire was prepared exclusively for the Devil and his angels, and NOT man (Mt. 25:41).

## III. Resurrection

- A. Resurrection program is for all (Jn. 5: 25-28).
- B. There will be two resurrections (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29).
- C. There will be four phases of the First Resurrection (Mt. 27:52-53; I Cor. 15:23-25; I Thes. 4:15-17; Isa. 26:19).
  - D. Heaven and Hell (L.O.F.) are permanent (Mt. 25:46).
- E. Resurrected righteous will be glorified (I Jn. 3:2), and resurrected unrighteous will be de-glorified (Isa. 66:24).