

A Biblical Defense of Conditional Immortality

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Chapter Six

Why the "Book of Life" is exactly that, a book of Life.

The scriptures talk over and over again about a "Book of Life"....

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

[Revelation 3:5](#)

"... and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life." [Philippians 4:3](#)

Moses and Paul were both willing to be blotted out of this book...

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." [Exodus 32:32](#)

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh " [Romans 9:3](#)

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." [Romans 10:1](#)

Those who have their names in this book will gain immortality. They will gain life forever at the Resurrection; the rest of humanity will be destroyed and not live forever. The Book of Life is a book that contains the names of those whom God has ordained to have immortality ([2 Timothy 1:10](#), [Romans 2:7](#)), the rest are destroyed in body and soul as Jesus said they would be ([Matthew 10:28](#)).

Moses and Paul were willing to give up their immortality, their "living forever", for Israel to be saved. Paul states, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ [Messiah] for my brethren..." ([Romans 9:3](#)). It was a statement of profound love on their behalf for the people they loved. *They were not saying they would be willing to undergo eternal torment.* They were willing to be dead forever (they would give up their *immortality*) if it would save Jewish people and enable them to live forever. It really is that simple.