

Predestination
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The Predestination topic came up in a weekly bible study I attended. Romans 8:29 stated that those whom God foreknew he also predestined. Predestined being defined as being called, justified and glorified in verse 30. Jeremiah 1:5 also indicates that God has set aside some people that He knows will be saved in the end.

RSV Romans 8:29-30

29 **For those whom he foreknew he also predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

30 And those **whom he predestined** he also **called**; and those whom he called he also **justified**; and those whom he justified he also **glorified**.

RSV Jeremiah 1:5 **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."**

The thought that came to me is if you are predestined then when were you entered into the book of life? The book of life is mentioned in Rev20:12. Those not found in the book of life were thrown into the lake of fire -Rev20:15. This is a major point. When is someone added to the book of life according to the bible and can one be removed from the book of life?

RSV Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is **the book of life**. **And the dead were judged by what was written in the books**, by what they had done.



RSV Revelation 20:15 and if any one's name was **not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**.

From what I understand the majority of the Protestants denominations view predestination as:

- 1) "once saved , always saved" or
- 2) "they were never really saved" if they slip and fall out of the Christian lifestyle years later.

This mindset precludes any possibility that one could be removed from the book of life because only saved persons are entered in to the book of Life and if one falls away later then that demonstrates they were never "really" saved and thus were never entered into the book of Life.

Rev3:5 states that if one conquers then they won't be blotted out of the book of life meaning that if you don't conquer then you will be blotted out.

RSV Revelation 3:5 **He who conquers** shall be clad thus in white garments, and **I will not blot his name out of the book of life**; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.



What does one conquer? In Ex32:32-33 it's mentioned that sinning against the Lord will blot you out of God's book.

RSV Exodus 32:32-33

32 But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

33 But the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."

There is no one (except Jesus) who hasn't sinned or won't sin in the future (1Jn1:8-10) however it's the degree of sin that gets you blotted out. 1Jn5:16-17 makes a distinction of mortal and non-mortal sin. An example of a mortal sin is found in Mt12:32 - speaking against the Holy Spirit.

RSV 1 John 1:8-10

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

RSV 1 John 5:16-17

16 If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that.

17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

RSV Matthew 12:32 And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Being blotting out is a serious matter. The word "blot" is strong's #4229 meaning "to wipe, wipe out". Blot has been used in a good sense in Ps51:1 and 9 where your sins are blotted away (removed). Blot is used in Gen7:4 and Dt9:14 to mean to utterly kill and destroy - this is the blot one doesn't want.



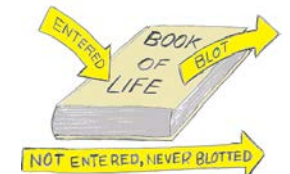
RSV Psalms 51:1 HAVE MERCY on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

RSV Psalms 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

RSV Genesis 7:4 For in seven days I will send rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."

RSV Deuteronomy 9:14 let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

One must first be recorded in the book of Life in order to be blotted out. Ps69:28 shows that the righteous are enrolled on the book of the living and Jesus backs up this in Mt25:46 stating that the righteous have eternal life.



RSV Psalms 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

RSV Matthew 25:46 And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

It's stated in Ps87:5-6 that the Lord records/registers his kingdom servants by their birth location. Jesus backs this up in Jn3:5 saying that one is required (not suggested) to be born of the water and the Spirit in order to enter the kingdom of God.

RSV Psalms 87:5-6

5 And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.

6 **The Lord records as he registers the peoples.** "This one was born there." Selah

RSV John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

Being recorded in heaven also gives one power and authority as stated in Lk10:19-20

RSV Luke 10:19-20

19 Behold, I have given you **authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions,** and **over all the power of the enemy;** and nothing shall hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven."**

A controversy arises whether or not Judas Iscariot was ever "saved/written in the book of life". The majority in the study group said no - since he fell away, he was never "really" saved or believed. No one can be certain at the present moment whether or not they are "saved" with this mindset because one can be a fire and brimstone preacher leading people to Jesus and years later due to circumstances in one's life, fall away and reject God.

A person would be assaulted by the preacher's congregation and the preacher himself if one would say to the preacher during his height of his dedication to the Lord that he wasn't "really" saved. The once saved always saved and were never saved if fallen away is a doctrine where one will never be able to state that they are saved.

In Ps55:12-15 it's speaking about a close companion to King David who turns on him but also showing Judas's closeness with Jesus - my equal, my companion, my familiar friend, walked in fellowship and had sweet conversations. Judas was one of the 70 that went out that had the power over demons Lk10:1,17. Based on these and other verses one could confidently believe that Judas was saved but then threw it away for a pocket full of coins.

RSV Psalms 55:12-15

12 It is not an enemy who taunts me-- then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me-- then I could hide from him.

13 But it is you, **my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.**

14 We used to hold **sweet converse together;** within God's house **we walked in fellowship.**

15 Let death come upon them; let them go down to Sheol alive; let them go away in terror into their graves.



RSV Luke 10:1 **AFTER THIS the Lord appointed seventy others,** and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come.

RSV Luke 10:17 The **seventy returned** with joy, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us in your name!**"

The power of the Holy Spirit is a sign of salvation (being recorded in the book of Life). The only way in the bible that we are instructed to receive the Holy Spirit is thru baptism -Acts2:38, Gal3:27.

Jesus received the Holy Spirit at his baptism Mk1:9-11 – 18 years after he preached to the teachers in the temple in Jerusalem as a 12 year old boy. Jesus at 12 years old had belief, faith, knowledge, confession and humbleness but Jesus didn't receive the Holy Spirit until John the Baptist baptized Him in the water. In Lk4:1 it's stated that Jesus was FULL of the Holy Spirit and was LED by the Spirit after being baptized by John the Baptist.

The bible states that all scripture is inspired and useful for teaching 2Tim3:16 and that we should follow the example laid out by Jesus and the Apostles - Philp3:17, 1Pt2:21. Jesus and the apostles were baptized and they baptized others.

RSV Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

RSV Mark 1:9-11

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And **when he came up out of the water,** immediately he saw the heavens opened and **the Spirit descending upon him** like a dove;

11 and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

RSV Luke 4:1 AND JESUS, **full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit**

Recap so far

Those not in the Book of Life are to be thrown into the Lake of fire

You must be righteous to be entered into the Book of Life

You become righteous when you are properly biblically baptized as an adult (after believing, confessing, repenting...)

You gain power and authority by being recorded in heaven.

You can be erased/taken out/blotted from the book of life.



Falling away is very dangerous since there is a point of no return. 2Chron15:2 says that Jesus is with you as long as you are with him and don't forsake him. If you forsake him then Jesus will forsake you. How long will Jesus forsake you? Try **forever** as it's stated in 1Chron28:9. This is backed up by Heb6:4-6 and Ps55:19 stating its impossible to gain repentance after falling into apostasy.

RSV 2 Chronicles 15:2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: **The Lord is with you, while you are with him.** If you seek him, he will be found by you, but **if you forsake him, he will forsake you.**

RSV 1 Chronicles 28:9 "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but **if you forsake him, he will cast you off for ever.**

RSV Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For **it is impossible to restore again to repentance** those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,
6 **if they then commit apostasy**, since they crucify the Son of God on their own account and hold him up to contempt.

Sept Psalms 55:19 God who existeth before the ages will hear and afflict them, For **there is no redemption for them**

What I believe is difficult for church goers to grasp is:

- a) You have to have more than belief to be saved
- b) You have to actively do something to be saved (adult full immersion baptism)
- c) You have to abide faithfully after you have been saved in order to stay righteous

A righteous person can be turned into a wicked person - Mt23:15. Some wicked persons are born that way; it's in their nature -Ps58:3, Prov4:14-16

RSV Matthew 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him **twice as much a child of hell** as yourselves.

RSV Psalms 58:3 The **wicked go astray from the womb**, they err from their birth, speaking lies.

RSV Proverbs 4:14-16

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil men.
15 Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.
16 For **they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made some one stumble.**

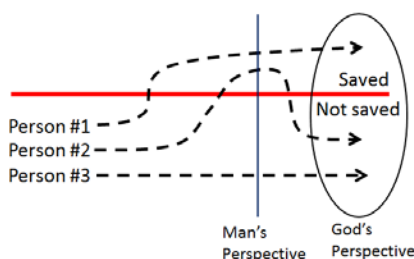
In Rm8:38-39 Paul list a lenty of things that can't separate you from Jesus but Paul never mentioned oneself as an object that could not separate you from Jesus. If we can't cause a separation of God from us then the bible is broken since its stated that our sins separate us from God – Is59:2. If our sins separate us from God is true (Is59:2) and nothing can separate us from God (Rm8:38-39) is true then the bible is in conflict and is unreliable. The proper context of Rm8:38-39 is that oneself is not part of “anything else in all creation”.

RSV Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RSV Isaiah 59:2 but **your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God**, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.



Jesus knew who will follow him Jn15:16, who will reject him and who will fall away. Anyone who can count the particles of rain Job36:27 has the capability to know all the umpteen interactions of everything on earth to know in the end who will be his chosen people. Jesus sits out of time and he knows the end from the beginning – Is36:9-11. He knows who

will be saved of those who have not been born again yet. People can see the past and the present and may know where they stand at the moment but not whether or not they will stop abiding in the future and become one of the fallen away.



RSV 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.

RSV Isaiah 46:9-11

9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. **I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.**

Sept Job 36:27 and by Him **the particles of rain can be counted.**

The key for a good destination for your predestination is to stay connected to Jesus. The key to staying connected to Jesus is to stop sinning. The key to stop sinning is to have the Fear of the Lord on you as you make daily decisions. (The Fear of the Lord drives away sins –Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 1:21.) The key to having the fear of the Lord is to meditate the wrath of God if you sin - Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 18:24. The key to meditating on the wrath of God is knowing what laws you are breaking and their judgments- Sept Isaiah42:24-25. Changing one's own desire to God's desire (Lk22:42) places you into a good predisposition predestination.

The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecc12:13).

Apo Ecclesiasticus1:21 **The fear of the Lord driveth away sins:** and where it is present it turns away wrath.

RSV Luke 22:42 "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless **not my will, but thine,** be done."

Apo Ecclesiasticus18:24 **Think upon the wrath that shall be at the end,** and the time of vengeance, when he shall turn away his face.

Sept Isaiah 42:24-25

24 For which He hath given Jacob against Whom they sinned, and in Whose ways they would not walk, and **Whose law they would not obey**

25 hath not he **brought upon them His fierce anger?**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 sums up the whole duty of man: Fear God and keep his commandments. The key to a good predestination is knowing and obeying the law of God. Those rejecting the law of God are lawless and risk either being removed from the book of life or not becoming enrolled into the book of life.

RSV Ecclesiastes 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God, and keep his commandments;** for this is the whole duty of man.

One only has the opportunity while they are living to be enrolled into the book of Life. Once one dies then there is no way to become enrolled. Choose wisely.

Regards,
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Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

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RSV 2 Timothy 3:16 **All scripture is inspired by God** and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training** in righteousness,

RSV Philippians 3:17 Brethren, **join in imitating me**, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us.

RSV 1 Peter 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that **you should follow in his steps**.

RSV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.

RSV Ezekiel 13:9 My hand will be against the prophets who see delusive visions and who give lying divinations; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God.