

Rejoice That Your Name Is Written Above!

by C.H. Spurgeon

True joy and assurance of salvation come from knowing our names are written in heaven, not from human achievements.

Scripture: Matthew 7:22-23, Luke 10:20, John 10:27-28, Romans 8:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 12:1, 1 John 5:13, Revelation 20:15

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the importance of knowing that our names are written in heaven, arguing that earthly achievements and successes do not guarantee salvation or true regeneration. He warns against being overly proud of accomplishments, as even those who perform miraculous acts may not be true believers. Instead, Spurgeon encourages believers to find their joy in their relationship with Jesus and the assurance of their heavenly citizenship. The sermon calls for self-examination to ensure that one truly belongs to Christ, especially as one approaches the end of life.

Transcript

Gifts, attainments, labors, successes, all heaped together, cannot support a soul on the verge of eternity. There is ever present the fact that such things are no sure sign of regeneration. Did not the sons of the Pharisees cast out devils? Did not the people say of Simon Magus, "This man is the great power of God"? Yet these were graceless deceivers. We must have sure evidence of the new birth, we must know that our citizenship is in heaven, we must know that we belong to Jesus, in one word, we must know that our names are written in heaven, or else we shall find ourselves utterly undone in our dying hours.

For all these reasons, then, be not too elated, because of devils conquered, crowds gathered, or souls saved; but hearken to your Lord's voice while he points you to other reasons for rejoicing.

From a sermon by Charles Haddon Spurgeon entitled "Why May I Rejoice?," delivered October 29, 1876.

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