



RE:BUILDING

Your Name

Sunday 8th March 2026

Nehemiah 3:13-32

Did any of you have your name sewn into your various pieces of school uniform when you were younger? Maybe you still do, by which I refer to those still of a school age!

And why this was necessary became obvious when you and your jumper, tie, or pe kit, became separated. And as soon as you and the missing item became reunited, all was well, life was good once again.

1 So let me ask, **where is your name?**

In Nehemiah 3 there are 80 names listed –those who personally helped the rebuilding of Jerusalem or were related to someone who did. But let us move on another 450 years later to the time when Jesus own footprints could be found moving through the gates and streets of this ancient city.

2 In **Luke 10:19-20**,

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

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

Prior to this 72 of his disciples had returned, excited that even demons had been subject to them. Then Jesus reminds them their enemy is fallen, and they have authority over all the power of the enemy. Christian, **do you know your enemy is defeated?** Then you too can rejoice!

4 Paul writes this in **Philippians 4:3**,

Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have laboured side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

5 Again, **1 Corinthians 3:9** tells us,

For we are God's fellow workers.

Both Jesus and Paul tell us of a book that the Bible speaks of further in

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Revelation 3:5,

The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

The contents of this book of life are already written. The names found in the book of life, have Jesus who will confess their names before God the Father and the very angels of heaven have heard Him speak your name.

Believer, take heart, fear not, for in your darkest moments, you have a Saviour, the King of kings, who speaks your name before your Father and heaven has heard.

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And when was this book written? **Revelation 13:8** describes a future deception so great that 10s of thousands will fall for it,

and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

The exception is those whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. And they were written in before the foundation of the world.

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Was yours? If so, then you have nothing to fear. **Nothing can happen to you except what He determines will happen to you.** You are safe in His hands, with your name in His book.

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And then in **Revelation 21:27**, the Bible says this,

But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The New Jerusalem is a place where all those who ever trusted Jesus in this lifetime will walk and work in peace and perfection. No fear, no death, no tears, no pain. A secure and certain future.

God knew from the before the foundation of the world whether you would take Him at His word and believe in Jesus.

10 That is why **Psalm 22:5** was written,

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

11 John wrote these words at the beginning of his gospel in **John 1:12**,

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

And why did John write that? He tells us why towards the end of his gospel in **John 20:31**,

12 [...] these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Have you believed? Do you know your name to be written in the Lamb's book of life? If that is a yes, you have power to live in authority over anything the enemy designs. You do not need to fear for anyone or anything in this world.

13 Your soul is forever secured by the blood of the Lamb. It says in **2 Timothy 1:7**,

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control

14 Have you not believed? Hear these words from **Acts 4:12**,

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

In recent days we have seen something of what is to come. Some say the best is yet to come – it is for those in Christ. But the end of this Bible also says the worst is yet to come, for those without Christ.

Just like that old school jumper, tie, or pe kit could be reunited because of the name written in them. So you too will be reunited with Christ if your name is in His book of life.