

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

Registered for Life

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:1

Today's familiar verse begins the Christmas story with an official decree for all people to register. Like Joseph and Mary, all of us have been required to register many times and in many ways. Our names are recorded more places than we might care to know.

Of all these records, the most important is God's list of those who are saved: "only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). Can we be sure our names are on that list? Yes! Simply believe that God so loved you and me that he sent Jesus to redeem us from sin and death. Through faith in this fulfilled promise, we are "enrolled in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). By God's grace, we are registered for life. Now that's living.

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Thank you, God, for your amazing, saving grace.
Amen.

Reflect: Rejoice with all believers that your name is written in the Lamb's book of life.

Read: Luke 10:20 and Revelation 3:5-6