

## No Reservations

I remember making preparation to attend a conference out of town and I knew the attendance would be immense. I thought to myself, "I better make my reservations before it's too late! I made my reservations immediately and received the confirmation number for the transaction. I arrived at the hotel three months later; As I go to check in I would give the desk attendant my name and my confirmation number. The desk attendant searches the database but could not find any information on me. At this time, I was living the worldly style (fleshly), so I must admit I became very angry and negative with the attendant. There were no rooms left! To make it worse, there were no rooms left in the entire city because this conference was well known around the United States. I thought to myself, I did the transaction over the phone, so what could have gone wrong?

My brothers and sisters, can you imagine dying and then appearing at the "Great White Throne Judgment?" Jesus Christ sitting on the seat. The "Great White Throne Judgment is the place where the unsaved people will depart. It doesn't matter if you're morally good or just down right evil, the fact is, this is where the unbelievers will end up. If you are truly saved then you will end up at the "Beamer Seat Judgment."

If one ends up at the "Great White Throne Judgment", it will be too late to say I did this or that (**Matthew 7:21-23**) or to as much say I know my name is written in the book of life or I know I'm saved! Christ will open the "Book of Life" which contains all the names of the redeemed. Can you imagine a person being told that their name is not in the book? Another way of saying it "No Reservations."

**Revelation 20:11-15** NASB – (11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. (14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

It doesn't matter how mad one gets or even if they have a pity party! Christ mentions in previous books that there will be gnashing of the teeth. The unsaved will be simply told (paraphrasing), "No Reservations." Many are trying to get into heaven by works not understanding that it is through Christ alone! Many don't understand it and many who are saved are not taking the time to teach and explain to our young people what Salvation means. We should NEVER rejoice when we lose a loved one who is going to eternal damnation!

What happened at the hotel, well there wasn't a lot that I could do but when it comes to Christ, there is plenty that can be done! Christ has assured us that following the instructions, standards and/or guidelines, there will not be a mistake about your reservation in heaven! For those whose name is not in the Book, I leave you with Revelation 20:15 NASB - (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Not a scare tactic, but God's infallible word.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:37

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Those who don't believe in sin are already it's victim.