

ACHIEVING ETERNITY AS A CHRISTIAN

What the Bible explicitly requires to have your name written in the Book of Life (KJV)

I · FAITH & RECEPTION OF CHRIST

Believe in Jesus Christ	Place saving trust in Jesus as God's Son who died and rose again to grant eternal life.	<p><i>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."</i> John 3:16</p> <p><i>"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."</i> Acts 16:31</p>
Receive Christ Personally	Actively receive Jesus — not as idea but as Person — surrendering to Him as Lord and Savior.	<p><i>"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."</i> John 1:12</p>
Be Born Again	Experience spiritual regeneration; without this inward new birth one cannot see or enter God's kingdom.	<p><i>"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."</i> John 3:3</p> <p><i>"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."</i> John 3:5</p>
Faith Without Which No One Pleases God	Faith is the prerequisite for all approach to God; those who seek Him must believe He rewards the diligent.	<p><i>"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."</i> Hebrews 11:6</p>

II · REPENTANCE & CONFESSION

Repent of Sin	Genuinely turn from sin — this is commanded of all people everywhere, not optional. Without it, perish.	<p><i>"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."</i> Luke 13:3</p> <p><i>"God... now commandeth all men every where to repent."</i> Acts 17:30</p>
Confess Sins to God	Openly acknowledge specific sins before God; He is faithful to forgive and cleanse the confessing heart.	<p><i>"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."</i> 1 John 1:9</p>
Confess Christ Publicly	Verbally acknowledge Jesus as Lord before others; heart belief and public confession together produce salvation.	<p><i>"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."</i> Romans 10:9</p>

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32

Call on the Name of the Lord

Invoke Christ's name in genuine saving faith; this universal call is extended to every person without exception.

“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13

III · OBEDIENCE & THE DAILY WALK

Be Baptized

Submit to water baptism; Scripture links it to repentance, remission of sins, and salvation.

Note: Traditions differ on whether baptism is a condition of salvation or a commanded ordinance of obedience.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Mark 16:16

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”

Acts 2:38

Love God supremely

Give God total love of heart, soul, and mind — this is the first and greatest of all commandments.

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.”

Matthew 22:37–38

Love Your Neighbor

Love others as yourself — inseparable from loving God; together these sum the whole law and prophets.

“The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Matthew 22:39

Do the Will of the Father

Verbal profession of faith alone is insufficient; active obedience to God's will is required for kingdom entry.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21

Keep His Commandments

Obedience to God's commandments is the condition for access to the tree of life and entry into the city.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Revelation 22:14

IV · PERSEVERANCE & THE BOOK OF LIFE

Endure Faithfully to the End

Persist in faith and obedience through all opposition until the end of life — not merely a good start.

“He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”

Matthew 24:13

“We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.”

Hebrews 3:14

Overcome / Be an Overcomer

Live as a faithful overcomer in Christ; God explicitly promises the overcomer's name stays in the Book of Life.

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”

Revelation 3:5

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

Revelation 21:7

Do Not Deny Christ

Never disown Jesus before men under any pressure; denial before men results in Christ's denial before the Father.

“Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 10:33

Name Written in the Book of Life

Only those recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life may enter the holy city; all others face the lake of fire.

“There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth... but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

Revelation 21:27

“Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:15