

Records

"...rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Luke 10:20 (NIV)

I have a wonderful friend who has succeeded in life to a level few people attain. He is at the top of his profession. Yet if you ask him about records in baseball, football and hockey he has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the athletes who set records in their sport. Somehow he has such a wonderful memory that he can recall all of the great events in the major sports.

I enjoy listening to my friend talk about various players in the Hockey Hall of Fame or who holds the record for the most touchdown passes in the National football league and when the record was set.

Our world honours exceptional athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport. Their names are enshrined in the record books for the succeeding generations to read.

In the context of our pas-

sage for today, Jesus is telling the disciples that success in this world is not to be given the high place we should give to recognition with God in heaven.

I do not seek to play down the achievements of people in this world – all I wish to do is have us consider the greatest honour of all. That is, of being in God's record book as one who believes in Jesus and knows He came from the Father to rescue sinners.

When we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that He rose from the dead God takes note of our faith. Of all the information we may accumulate in this life the most important is that Jesus died for sinners like you and me.

God the Holy Spirit comes to us and assures us that we have our names written in the most amazing book of records in the universe. It is indeed wonderful to

have the praise of others for our accomplishments in life. But, according to Jesus, we should take as our greatest satisfaction the fact that God has noticed us and written our names in His record book.

Here then is our cause of rejoicing in spite of not having praise of others. God has noted us, He sees that we believe in Jesus, He understands that we love His well Beloved Son and He is pleased. Do you please God in this manner? Do you have confidence that your names are written in heaven? Is that reality the most wonderful accomplishment of your life? If not then you need to make sure you have come to Jesus and bowed your knee before Him and called on Him to be your Lord and Saviour.

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