

Sunday, May 25, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Believer's Crowns

Series: God Will Evaluate and Give Rewards to Believers ... 2

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1 - 10

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of FIVE CROWNS that are awarded to BELIEVER'S; the subject is NOT of salvation but of rewards!

Introduction:

~ 2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10, “So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

~ The Bible records five crowns that will be given to believers. In the Greek language there are two different words that are translated crown in the English: Diadema, which signifies a royal crown and stephanos refer to a victor's crown or wreath (associated with athletic contests).

~ Ephesians 2:8 – 10, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

~ Revelation 4:9 – 11, “And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.””

1. Crown to the Victor:

~ 1 Corinthians 9:24 – 25, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. (25) Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath (#G4735, stephanos), but we an imperishable.”

~ I am in the race; but is my vision set on the finish?

~ Do I have self-control or am I allowing the flesh, the world and the devil to control me? James 3:15

~ Am I developing a spiritual gym time? Prayer, devotions, study, mentored and mentoring.

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2. Crown of Rejoicing:

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 20, “But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, (18) because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. (19) For what is our hope or joy or crown (stephanos) of boasting before our lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? (20) For you are our glory and joy.”

~ Luke 15:7, “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

~ Someone once said that the only thing we take into glory are other blood bought believers!

3. Crown of Righteousness:

~ 2 Timothy 4:8, “Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown (stephanos) of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1 – 10

~ Philippians 3:20 – 21, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

4. Crown of Glory:

~ 1 Peter 5:4, “And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown (stephanos) of glory.”

~ When a believer demonstrates loving care for others, being salt and light, they are acting as a shepherd for that soul and Christ Jesus will reward. Philippians 2:1 – 4

5. Crown of Life:

~ Revelation 2:10 – 11, “Do not fear about what you are to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown (stephanos) of life.”

~ Hebrews 10:37 – 39, “For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; (38) but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” (39) But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

Conclusion:

I Will Sing of My Redeemer