

Our Eternal Crowns!
Revelation 20:4-6
1 Corinthians 3:9-15
Lesson #7
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Introduction

1. To understand the crowns, we must understand the judgements

Six major judgements in scripture

First – Judgement of sin

1. Jesus was judge on Calvary for all sin.

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. The price – sinless blood
 - A. The results – eternal life

Second – Judgement Seat of Christ (The Bema Seat) (2 Cor. 5:10)

1. Place of reward for the bride of Christ.
 - A. The church is judged
 - B. It is not sin that is judged it is works.

How your thoughts we will come back to this.

Third – The judgement of Jacob (Israel) (The Tribulation)

1. Who is judged? – The Nation of Israel.
2. What is judged? – National Rejection
3. What is the result? – National Revival

Fourth – The judgement of Nations

1. Who is judged? – The saved of nations and the lost.
 - A. Those who didn't die in the Tribulation.
2. What is judged?
 - A. Unbelief and faithfulness.

Revelation 20:4-6

1. ***The faithful – Vs. 4.***
 - A. The living saved.
 - B. Those who received Jesus during the Tribulation.
 - C. This is Ezekiel's prophecy.

Ezekiel 36:26–27

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

2. ***Unbeliever's – Vs. 5.***
3. ***O.T. Saints Resurrected – Vs. 6.***

Fifth – The Great White Throne of Judgement (All the Wicked Dead) (Rev. 20:11-15)

Sixth – The Judgement of Angels

Jude 6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Five Heavenly Crowns Mention in the N.T.

First – The Imperishable Crown.

1 Corinthians 9:24–25

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

1. All worldly things are subject to decay & will perish.
 - A. Jesus urged us to lay up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19).
2. This race Paul is referencing – Olympic events.
 - A. They received a wreath of leaves (crown).
 - B. It would soon turn brittle and fall apart.
3. Our heavenly crown will never fade or crumble.

1 Peter 1:4

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Second – The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19).

Job 14:1

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

1. Although man will face hardship and trouble.
 - A. In Jesus we have more to rejoice about than anyone else.
 - B. We know our burdens are only temporal.
 - C. Rejoicing will be forever.
2. There is rejoicing in heaven over sinners' repentance.
3. Paul told the Philippians to rejoice in all things (Phil. 4:4).
4. All the heartache, pain, suffering, sickness we endure here in this world.
 - A. God will reward with a crown of rejoicing.

Third – The Crown of Righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

1. You can't buy this crown.
2. You can't earn this crown with effort or work.
3. You can't be good enough to be awarded this crown.
4. This crown is inherited through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
5. It is an everlasting crown promised to all who believe and look for His appearing.

Fourth – The Crown of Glory.

1 Peter 5:4

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1. Peter is addressing leaders.

2. It is awarded to all who long and love His appearing.

Glory – Refers to the very nature of God and His actions.

1. It entails His great splendor and brightness.
2. Stephen – being stoned looked into heaven and saw the glory of God.
3. Glory also refers to the praise and honor we bestow upon God that is due Him.

Fifth – The Crown of Life.

Revelation 2:10

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

1. Jesus gives abundant life.
2. Jesus is the bread of life.
3. Jesus is the living water.
4. When our life ends, we have the promise of eternal life.

Invitation

1. God is calling you to live faithfully.
2. Serve Him with purpose.
3. Keep your eyes on the eternal rewards.
4. Finish strong.ⁱ

ⁱ Resources

Dr. Charlie Whipple – Eschatology.

Got Questions