

## **DON'T LET ANYONE TAKE YOUR CROWN** **(Revelation 3:11)**

### **I. Other terms for the crown.**

- A. Peter called it a crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4).
  - 1. The idea is the beauty of the crown.
  - 2. It is a glorious crown because of the Giver of it as well as where it will be worn.
- B. Paul called it a crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8).
  - 1. It is won because of a righteous life having been lived by the one who receives it.
  - 2. It is a reward for being found righteous when this life is over.
- C. James and Jesus called it a crown of life (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10).
  - 1. The wearer of it will have eternal life.
  - 2. It will show to all that the earthly life lived led to eternal life.
- D. These descriptions of a crown are meant to convey the idea of successful life having been lived while on earth.

### **II. Who will receive the crown?**

- A. The one who is faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10).
- B. The one who has fought, who has finished and has kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- C. The one who endures and overcomes temptation (James 1:12).
- D. The one who has been steadfast and unmovable in this life (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).
- E. The one who has been obedient and submissive in this life (Matthew 7:21; James 4:7).
- F. The one who faithfully endured to the end (Matthew 10:22).

### **III. The crown described.**

- A. It is incorruptible (1 Corinthians 9:25).
  - 1. This crown won't break or tarnish.
  - 2. It won't turn green.
- B. It will never fade (1 Peter 5:4).
- C. It is of a beauty that human words can't describe (1 Corinthians 2:9).
- D. It is the prize of the high calling (Philippians 3:14).
- E. As we think about the crown, hopefully we realize that it symbolizes eternal life.
  - 1. With this in mind, the crown represent a rest (Hebrews 4:9-11).
  - 2. It represents our eternal house (2 Corinthians 5:1).

### **IV. The crown can be lost.**

- A. Jesus told the Philadelphian brethren to hold it fast so no one could take it from them.
- B. We can lose the crown by:
  - 1. Teaching false doctrine (Acts 20:30; Galatians 1:6-9).
  - 2. Encouraging error (2 John 9-11).
  - 3. Being led away from sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4).
  - 4. Deceiving ourselves (James 1:22; Hebrews 2:1).

5. Overlooking sin in our lives (Isaiah 59:1-2; Hebrews 12:1).
  - C. If we fail to run well, we will lose the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24).
  - D. If we fail to endure to the end we will lose the prize (Matthew 10:22).
  - E. We see examples in the New Testament of those who lost their crowns.
    1. The Galatians who followed the Old Law (Galatians 5:4).
    2. Demas (2 Timothy 4:10).
    3. Simon (Acts 8:9-24).
- V. What we will receive if we are faithful.**
- A. A crown of life (Revelation 2:10).
  - B. A “well done” from our Savior (Matthew 25:21-23).
  - C. The gift of everlasting life (Revelation 2:10).
  - D. A glory beyond our comprehension (Romans 8:18).
  - E. A place described as a paradise (2 Corinthians 12:4).

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