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SEVEN CROWNS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE SAINTS



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SPECIAL POINTS of interest:

- In Jesus Christ we have incorruptible Eternal Life .
- We have the True Knowledge of God.
- We experience the Loving-Kindness of God
- We receive Right-Standing with God.
- We receive the Joy of our Salvation.
- We have the Promise of
 Future Glory

Before I can even begin to help you Appreciate **the Crowns** available to us, who have been **found** by **Jesus Christ**- look at what **He bore for all of us**: Go with me now to the Gospel of John 19:4-5 "And Pilate went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring **him** out to you, that

ye may know that I find no crime in <u>him</u>. Jesus therefore came out, <u>wearing the crown</u> of thorns and

the purple garment. And *Pilate* saith unto them, **Behold, the man!** Why did Christ have to wear a Crown of Thorns? Because He took upon Himself the Curse of Sin! Before Sin entered the World, there were <u>no Thorns or Thistles mentioned</u>: But afterwards, in

Genesis 3:18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field." Because of Sin, man fell short of the Glory of God. Adam lost his crown of glory, to shame. His **crown of life**, to spiritual separation from The Father of Spirits. His crown of **knowledge**, to ignorance of God's Word and Wisdom. His crown of loving-kindness, to cruelty, even in his first born son, Cain. His crown of righteousness with God, to fig leaves and a state of lost-ness from God. His crown of rejoicing, for a burden of sorrow, grief and hiding in the woods from his Holy Creator. Mark 15:20 And when they had mocked **Him** (Jesus **Christ**), they took the (**Royal**) **purple** off Him, put His own (bloody) clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

THE PERSECUTION BEFORE THE CROWNING

Because we live in <u>a Day when</u> the Words of The Lord Jesus are coming true again: Jn 16:1"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. ²They will put you out of the synagogues; <u>yes, the</u> <u>time is coming that whoever</u> <u>kills you will think that he</u> <u>offers God service</u>. ³And <u>these things they will do</u> [£]to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4But these things I have told you, that when [£]the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

JESUS CHRIST CROWNED WITH MANY CROWNS

The Day is Coming when all shall See The Resurrected, Crowned and Exalted Son of God/son of Man: Go with me now to Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And **He** who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. on white horses. ¹⁵Now out of ¹²His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head were many

crowns. He [£]had a name written that no one knew except **Himself**. ¹³**He** *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of **God.** ¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in [£]fine linen, white and clean, followed **Him His** mouth goes a [£]sharp sword, that with it **He** should strike the

OUR CROWN OF LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

ALL OF LIFE COMES FROM CREATOR: Genesis 2:⁷ "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living being." death only came into the world because of sin. Jesus Christ took Sin upon Himself, so that we may have **Everlasting Life through Him.** Christ will even destroy death, the last enemy of mankind. 1 Cor 15:20-26, 54-58 But now

Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since

by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. "Death is swallowed

nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh

a name written:

KING OF **KINGS** AND LORD OF LORDS.



up in victory. "[£] 55 " $O^{\text{£}}$ Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"[£] 56The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. James 1:12 "Blessed *is* the man **who** endures temptation: for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." and finally: Revelation 2:10 "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." —Jesus Christ

THE CROWN OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Blessed is the man who does not chose simple atheism. But searches diligently for The Knowledge of God!

Proverbs 14:18 "The simple inherit folly,

But the prudent are crowned with knowledge." In these last days, the devil would like to force you to give up this Knowledge of God, for the lie. But listen to Jesus Christ in Reve*lation 3:*11 [£]Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. -All Scripture from NKJV.

CROWNED BY GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS IN CHRIST

The life of a Christian man in this World has some pitfalls, and we must continue to remind ourselves of God's Loving Kindness and Mercy: Psalm 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

² Bless the Lord, **O my soul**,

And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your dieases,

⁴ <u>Who redeems your life from de-</u> <u>struction</u>,

<u>Who crowns you with loving-</u> <u>kindness and tender mercies</u>,

5 <u>Who satisfies your mouth with</u> good *things*,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord executes righteousness

And justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalm 63: 3 **Because Your lovingkindness** *is* **better than life**,

My lips shall praise You.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, *saying*:

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

<u>Therefore with lovingkindness I</u> have drawn you. Now to the New Testament book of Ephesians 2:4-7 "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace

in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



OUR CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST

Listen now to the Apostle Paul's charge to Pastor Timothy: 4:1 "I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead ^fat His appearing and His kingdom: ²Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵But you be watchful in all things, **endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist**, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteous-

ness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only <u>but also to all</u>



who have loved His appearing.

OUR CROWN OF REJOICING IN CHRIST

Oh how the devil and his antichrist puppets hate Evangelism. How they try to withstand the Preaching of The Word. Oh how they hate the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Go with me to 1st Thess 2:19 "For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even <u>you in the</u> presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

²⁰For you are our glory and joy.



OUR INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN IN CHRIST JESUS

Our very beginning in Jesus Christ springs from <u>incorruptible Seed</u>: 1 Peter 1:23 "having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which



lives and abides [£]forever," I Peter 1:3-11 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to <u>an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away</u>, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷<u>that the genuineness of your faith</u>, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not [£]seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls. 10 <u>Of this salvation</u> to you, ¹¹searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 Cor 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a** way that you may obtain *it.* ²⁵And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, <u>but we *for* an imperishable *crown*</u>. ²⁶Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷But <u>I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection,</u> lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. 15:50 -Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; <u>nor does corruption inherit incorruption</u>. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead <u>will be raised incorruptible</u>, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must <u>put on incorruption</u>, and this mortal *must* put on <u>immortality</u>. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

OUR CROWN OF GLORY IN CHRIST

This 7th CROWN, goes to all Faithful Caretakers, Pastors/Shepherds of Christ's Flock: 1 Peter 5:1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ²Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but [£]willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴and when the Chief Shepherd appears, <u>you will</u> receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. And for all those on the front line of The Battle for the Faith and Israel: Isaiah 28:5 "In that day the Lord of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people,

⁶ For **a spirit of justice** to him who sits in judgment,

And for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate."



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