

**CREATED TO BE CROWNED  
BEMA SEAT OF CHRIST**

2 Cor. 5:20



## THREE-FOLD JUDGEMENT

### 1. As to sin in the past – the finished work of Christ

(1 Peter 2:24) *Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

(John 5:24) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

## THREE-FOLD JUDGEMENT

### 2. As to unconfessed sin – confession (1 John 2:1; 1:9) and discipline (1 Cor. 11:31,32) – sonship

*(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*(1 Corinthians 11:31,32) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.*

## THREE-FOLD JUDGEMENT

### 3. **As to the future according to their works, reward or loss**

*(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

*(1 Corinthians 3:11,12) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;*

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(1 Corinthians 3:12-15) *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;*

*Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

*If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

*If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

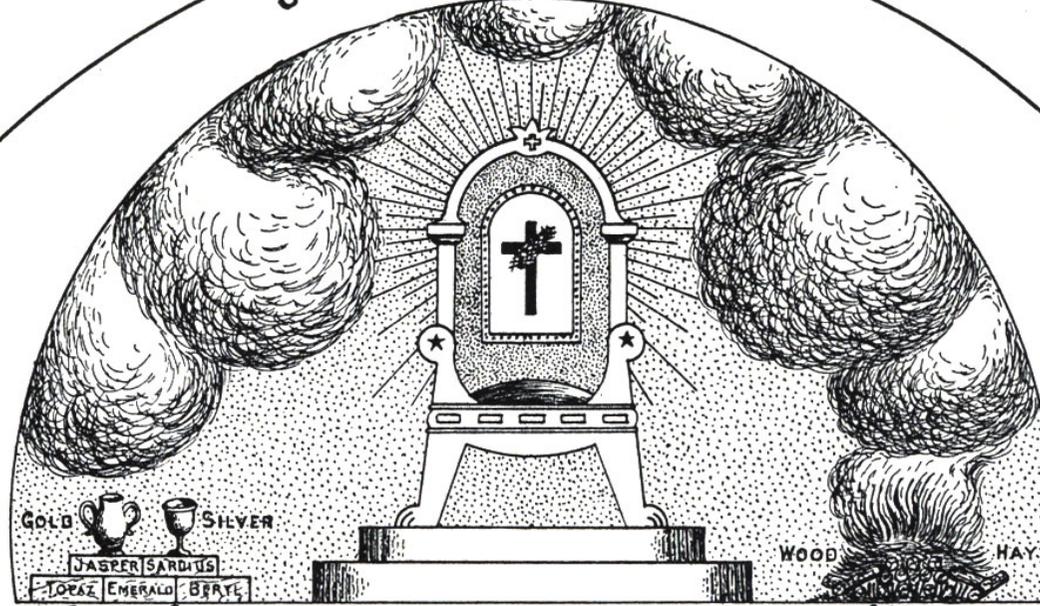


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# JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS FOR "WORKS"

# THE JUDGMENT OF "REWARD"

CHRIST MEETING THE CHURCH  
1.THESS. 4:16-17



## "JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST" (THE BEMA)



### INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

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.

**THE VICTOR'S CROWN**  
1.COR. 9:25-27



### CROWN OF LIFE

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.

**MARTYR'S CROWN**  
REV. 2:10



### CROWN OF GLORY

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

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

**ELDER'S CROWN**  
1.PET. 5:2-4



### CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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.

**FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIS APPEARING**  
2.TIM. 4:8



### CROWN OF REJOICING

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? 20 For ye are our glory and joy.

**SOUL WINNER'S CROWN**  
1.THESS. 2:19-20

THE RAPTURE  
1.THESS. 4:13-18

THE REVELATION  
2.THESS. 1:7-10

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## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

(1 Cor. 9:25-27) *“Every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beat the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”*

What a person is tells more for the honor of God and blessings on man than merely what he does!

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

### 1. Sacred Ambition – crown – fire up with it.

Thought: If men endure so much and strive so earnestly for the corruptible, how much more should we endure and strive for the incorruptible.

### 2. Self-denial – spiritual athlete – no room for the indolent and inactive.

It means preparation, earnestness, striving, patience, watchfulness, resolution, concentration, continuity, mortification and God-given confidence.

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

### 3. Self-mastery – boxing, striving in obedience to the Word of God.

Reason: journeys to make, trials to bear, testimonies to raise, controversies to conduct, difficulties to adjust, calumnies to refute and sorrows to assuage.

### 4. Ultimate ruin, even in the best of Christians.

*“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”*

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

### Some causes:

1. Familiarity with sacred truth destroys freshness.
2. Professional handling interferes with personal application and self-examination.
3. Opinions, good and bad, exert influence unfavorable to spiritual discipline.

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

### 4. Dark Side of Leadership (G. McIntosch & S. Rima)

#### a. Compulsive Leader (Moses)

- 1) Status conscious, looking for reassurance and approval from authority
- 2) Tries to control activities and keep order as a workaholic.
- 3) At times, excessively moralistic, conscientious and judgmental.
- 4) At heart, an angry and rebellious spirit with repressed anger and resentment (Num. 20:7-12)

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

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#### b. Narcissistic Leader (Solomon)

- 1) Driven to succeed by a need for admiration and recognition
- 2) An over-inflated sense of importance with grandiose ambition and fantasies
- 3) At heart, self-absorption and uncertainty due to a deep sense of insecurity
- 4) No enjoyment of success and may be dissatisfied with life. (Ecclesiastes 1:2) Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

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#### c. Paranoid Leader (King Saul)

- 1) Suspicious, hostile, fearful and jealous  
(1 Sam. 18:7,8)
- 2) Hypersensitive to those who are successful and consider these as rivals.
- 3) Attachment of subjective meaning to motives and create rigid rules for control.
- 4) At heart, are strong feelings of insecurity and a lack of confidence.

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#### d. Co-dependent Leader (Samson)

- 1) Peacemaker that cover up problems rather than face them, in an effort to balance the group system. Reactive rather than active (Judg. 15:1-8)
- 2) Very benevolent with high tolerance for deviant behaviour
- 3) Willingness to take on more work so that he does not have to say no.
- 4) At heart, a repressed and frustrated person, who has trouble giving full and honest expressions to emotions or problems.

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

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#### e. Passive-Aggressive Leader (Jonah)

- 1) Stubborn, forgetful, intentionally inefficient and impulsive
- 2) Tendency to complain, resist demands, and procrastinate as a means of controlling the people and environment around
- 3) Exertion of control through the use of short outbursts of sadness or anger
- 4) At heart, anger and bitterness as well as fear of success, since it will lead to higher expectations.

*(Jonah 4:3) Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.*

## (1). INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

### 4. Dark Side of Leadership (G. McIntosch & S. Rima)

f. Insights:

- 1) The dark side can never be eliminated but it can be overcome with a progressive exercise of a greater degree of self-management and self-discipline with boundaries and continued vigilance and mutual group accountability (2 Tim. 2:22).
- 2) To minimise its negative effects, we need to meditate and envision constantly on who God is and who we are in Christ Jesus.
- 3) God is Source of our life, Sovereign in all, Judge of all and Master for our obedience.
- 4) In God, we have self-worth, significance, security, strength, sustenance, salvation and satisfaction.

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

(2 Tim. 4:8) *“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.”*

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 1. Crown of great reward – life of usefulness and godliness

- a. Symbol of excellence and glory. *“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God”* (Acts 20:24).
- b. Recognition of noble race of righteousness to the end, marking wearer as righteous before God. Present laying up of treasure in Heaven.
- c. Crown purchased by the righteousness of Christ and bestowed upon the believer’s righteousness.

*(Romans 4:3) For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 1. Crown of great reward – life of usefulness and godliness

e. God will not let anyone of His faithful servant go uncrowned. *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”* (2 Tim. 4:7).

*“Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men”* (Acts 20:26).

1). Fight – Christian soldier

a). three-fold against world, flesh and satan. Endure hardness.

b). On behalf of Christ and for souls

2). Race – long and weary without stopping, abating zeal. Marathon.

3). Faith preserved. Faithful preaching, holy example, fervent prayers, patient suffering.

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 2. Certainty – future bestowal by the Righteous Judge at His Coming

*“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day...”*

*(Hebrews 6:10) For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 2. Certainty – future bestowal by the Righteous Judge at His Coming

The “henceforth” marks the decisive moment; he looks to his state in a threefold aspect:

- a. The past “I have fought”;
- b. The immediate present; “there is laid up for me.”
- c. The future “the Lord will give in that day”.

Henceforth – as to the rest, what remains – crown reserved and bestowed

Crown rewarded because of personal holiness and spread of holiness through the Gospel

The righteous and just Jesus to judge and to dispense the reward on that day.

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 3. Character of the people:

- a. Paul expressly excludes thought of his being exceptionally crowned. His being crowned does not prevent others being done likewise.
- b. Those not dreading His appearance in judgment and looking forward with hope, satisfaction and joy at the final accounting (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)

*(1Co 3:14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

## (2). CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 3. Character of the people:

- c. All who love Him now will love Him at His coming. Some never have liked thoughts of Him now, and how shall they like His presence? “He which testifies these things says, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).
- d. Live today for that day! Today may be the day of His coming!

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

**LIFE** (Rev. 2:10) *“Fear none of those things which you shall suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be you faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.”*

(John 10:10) *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 1. GOD the FATHER prepares us to be like Him.

(Ephesians 4:24) “... ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” *Like God in His character, values and priorities.*

- a. God prepares us by the Holy Spirit, through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the church to reveal Himself and His purposes.

(Ephesians 3:16) *That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;*

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- b. The kind of character is described in Beatitudes of Jesus (Matt. 5:1-12), Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), Paul's chapter on Love (I Cor. 13), Peter's list for effective life (2 Peter 1:5-8).

(Galatians 5:22,23) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 1. GOD the FATHER prepares us to be like Him.

- c. One action is through His discipline. Hebrews 12:5-11  
*“My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives... He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness...”*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

## 2. Redemptive purposes of sufferings.

God never wastes our pains!

### a. To make us useful in saving others

(Gen. 50:20; Rom. 11:14; Acts 16:25; 2 Cor. 4:9).

- 1) Joseph needed time to mature, to be tested and broken to resolve pride & moral issues.
- 2) He needed to know that self-promotion could never replace divine promotion.
- 3) He was determined to value difficult people and to treat them as divine instruments.
- 4) He could see his role in the overall plan of God, part of a series of events in eternity.

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

## 2. Redemptive purposes of sufferings.

- b. To forge bond of divine-human suffering  
(1 Pet. 4:13; Phil. 1:28,29; Col. 1:23,24).

*(Philippians 1:29) For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*

*(Colossians 1:24) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church:*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

## 2. Redemptive purposes of sufferings.

### c. To identify and comfort others

(Heb. 4:15,16; 7:26,27; 2 Cor. 1:3,4).

Wounded Healers.

*(2 Corinthians 1:3,4) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*

*Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

## 2. Redemptive purposes of sufferings.

d. To enter deeper into faith and obedience  
(Heb. 5:8,9; 12:2; Ps. 119:67,71).

- 1) To the sinner, call to his hopelessness and need for salvation – prodigal
- 2) To the backslider, call to repentance (Heb. 12:6-8)
- 3) To the fruitful, more purging and fruitfulness  
(Job 19:25; John 15:2,5)

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

## 2. Redemptive purposes of sufferings.

- e. Ultimately, to become like God – in touch with His very nature (Gen. 22:16,17)

*(Genesis 22:16,17) And said, By Myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

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e. Ultimately, to become like God – in touch with His very nature (Gen. 22:16,17)

1) The work of obedience is the evidence that the nature of God is in us.

2) When He says “Come,” I simply come; when He says “Let go,” I let go.

3) My goal is God Himself... at any cost, dear Lord, by any road!

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 3. Respond correctly when dealing with different problems.

a. If the trouble is my own fault, I should repent, be restored and learn (Jonah's storm).

b. If it is from others, I need to release through forgiveness (Mt. 5:23,24; 18:21,22).

*(Matthew 18:21,22) Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?*

*Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 3. Respond correctly when dealing with different problems.

c. If the temptation is from Satan, I should resist him (Matt. 4; James 4:7; Eph. 6:17).

d. If the trial is from God, I need to rejoice and trust God in it (Phil 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:6,7).

1) Stop being afraid (Jn16:13; Mt. 10:28).

2) Be faithful even unto death.

*“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”*

(Phil. 1:6).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12).

a. Satan’s past and purpose revealed in God’s Word  
(Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-19)

*(Isaiah 14:14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

b. Yet Satan has different roles to play, depending on God's counsel and power.

1) To refine the faithful

a) Paul, to be kept away from the devil's disease, a thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7). God's grace.

*(2 Corinthians 12:7) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

b. Yet Satan has different roles to play

1) To refine the faithful

b) Job, tested for his faithfulness. God granted permission (Job 1:12; 2:6).

(a) All, that I am and have, come from Him (Job 1:21).

(b) All that I receive, good or bad, come from Him and for His purpose (Job 2:10; 23:10).

(c) God lives forever and He stands as my Judge (Job 19:25-29).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

b. Yet Satan has different roles to play

2) To discipline the wayward

a) Saul who was jealous of David – “*But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him*” (1 Sam. 16:14).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

b. Yet Satan has different roles to play

2) To discipline the wayward

b) Church discipline on immoral man – *“To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus”* (1 Cor. 5:5).

(1) Treat him as a heathen (Matt. 18:17),  
in the snare of the devil, captive (2 Tim. 2:26).

(2) Have no fellowship with him so that he be  
ashamed (2 Thess. 3:14,15).

(3) Restoration is in order after confession and  
repentance – *“Wherefore I beseech you that you  
would confirm your love toward him”* (2 Cor. 2:8).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

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b. Yet Satan has different roles to play

2) To discipline the wayward

c) Naming those that spoke against God – *“Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme”* (1Tim. 1:20; Matt. 7:15).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

b. Yet Satan has different roles to play

3) To instruct the saints

– e.g. of Peter – *“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren”* (Luke 22:31,32).

a) An object lesson of the grace of God to us sinners.

b) Wounded healer telling others of His grace

c) Teaching us how to be sober, vigilant and to resist in the faith (1 Peter 5:8,9).

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

c. Be not ignorant of his devices! (2 Cor. 2:11)

1) God is the greatest and He is in us, greater than he that is in this world (1 John 4:4; 3:8).

2) Know that we are on victory ground because Jesus is the Victor (Col. 2:13-15; Rom. 8:37).

*(1 John 4:4) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

*(Romans 8:37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

### (3). CROWN OF LIFE

#### 4. The wrestling with Satan

c. Be not ignorant of his devices! (2 Cor. 2:11)

- 3) Put on the whole armor of God: loins of truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet with Gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of Spirit, prayer always for all (Eph. 6)
- 4) We overcome by cleansing through His Blood, by strengthening through His Word and by dying to self, even unto death (Rev. 12:11).

*(Revelation 12:11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

#### (4). CROWN OF REJOICING

*“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy.” (1 Thess. 2:19,20).*

*“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase. Now he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.” (1 Cor. 3:6-8).*

## (4). CROWN OF REJOICING

### 1. The task nearest and dearest to GOD's heart.

a. To God the Father (John 3:16).

(John 3:16) *For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

b. To God the Son (John 13:1; Luke 19:10, into all the cities and villages)

(Luke 19:10) *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

## (4). CROWN OF REJOICING

### 1. The task nearest and dearest to GOD's heart.

c. To God the Holy Spirit (Acts. 1:8; Acts 4:31, filled and spoke the Word with boldness)

*(Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

#### (4). CROWN OF REJOICING

## 2. The continuance of JESUS' mission in obedience to His word and example.

- a. All 4 Gospels and Acts of the Apostles give the “when, why, where, who, what, how”.

*(Matthew 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spake to them, saying, All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth.*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

#### (4). CROWN OF REJOICING

2. **The continuance of JESUS' mission in obedience to His word and example.**
  - b. The Acts of the Apostles gives us the pattern of church growth and mission.
  - c. What a wonderful privilege and joy to be co-laboring with God!
  - d. Are we living in obedience in the Everyday Commission of Jesus Christ?

#### 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 3. The payment of the Gospel debt.

We owe a debt that we cannot pay! God paid a debt that He did not owe!

Now we owe the debt to Him and to others.

Parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), and of the pounds (Luke 19:11-27). Jesus gives us His affairs that we must care for.

We are debtors to the Gospel. *“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also”* (Rom. 1:14,15)

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 4. The payment of the Gospel debt.

Paying the debt means we are free from the sin of blood guilt. (Ezek. 3:17-19; Acts 20:26,27).

(Acts 20:26) *Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.*

(Acts 20:27) *For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 4. Eternal wisdom needed.

*“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise” (Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:2,3).*

- a. Greatest thing we can do for others... freedom from the penalty, power and presence of sin.
- b. Eternal significance – be intentional.
- c. Gives our life true meaning... spending our time for souls that outlasts our life.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 5. Hastening His coming.

*“This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”* (Matt. 24:14). *“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”* (Luke 9:62).

God’s timetable is connected with the completion of the Great Commission.

We need to abandon our agenda and to work on God’s agenda.

There is almost nothing God won’t do for those committed to His kingdom values. (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 6:10; Luke 6:38).

(Matthew 6:33) *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 6. The three instruments involved.

- a. The instrument of the Gospel (The Seed) – Power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16).

The Gospel in death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:1).

Begotten through the Gospel (1 Cor. 4:15).

*(Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 6. The three instruments involved.

#### b. The instrument of the Holy Spirit (The Worker)

He will convict and convert (John 16:8).

Born Again by the Spirit (John 3:5).

The Gospel comes in power and in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 1:5).

(John 16:8) *And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 6. The three instruments involved.

#### c. The human instrument (Carriers)

We are ambassadors of Christ.

We are co-laborers with one another and with God (1 Cor. 3:9).

(2 Corinthians 5:20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

a. Problem of our isolation

1) His Controlling ministry.

*(2 Thessalonians 2:7) For the mystery of iniquity does already work: only He who now lets will let, until He be taken out of the way.*

*(Psalms 76:10) Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.*

2) His Convicting ministry.

*(John 16:8) And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

b. Problem of our isolation

3) His Converting ministry.

*(Titus 3:5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

b. Problem of our ignorance

He is our Teacher.

He gives us good recall.

*(John 14:26) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

c. Problem of our impotence

Nor what we can do for God, but what He can do in and through us.

We seek His mind, wisdom guidance and blessings.

Emptied of self and be filled (controlled) by the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

*(Acts 4:31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

c. Problem of our impotence

*(John 15:26) But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me:*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

d. Problem of world's indifference

*(John 16:7-11) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.*

*And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

*Of sin, because they believe not on Me;*

*Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;*

*Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

#### d. Problem of world's indifference

- 1) Do not play God in anyone's life.
- 2) Witnessing is a life-long process of sharing the Gospel of Christ, with the love of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the results to God.
- 3) Renewal of confidence in prayer and the power of the Word and of the Holy Spirit.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### 7. The real soul-winner, the Holy Spirit.

Five major problems solved:

e. Problem of our own imperfection

- 1) Remember we are forgiven and cleansed in the Blood (1 John 1:7,9) with no condemnation in Christ (Rom. 8:1).
- 2) Ask for forgiveness from that person if we have done anything wrong.
- 3) Throw away all excuses and sort out priorities.

*(1 John 2:1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### a. Sensitive praying

- 1) Ask the Lord to soften your heart with His love.
- 2) Ask God for opportunities to witness. Bring people across your mind and life.
- 3) Ask God to soften hearts of the contacts.

*(Romans 5:5) And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

b. Bear testimonies of GOD in us

- 1) My testimony ... personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 2) My life lessons ... important living lessons.
- 3) My godly passions ... issues/people God shapes you to care.
- 4) The Good News ... message of salvation.

*(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### c. Four stages of becoming a soul-winner

Egg Stage being an example (1 Tim. 4:12), epistle read by all (2 Cor. 3:2).

Caterpillar doing good, helping and giving out tracts, tapes, books, etc.

Cocoon sharing testimony and life lessons.

Butterfly reasoning and persuading (2 Cor.5:11; Acts 18:4; Luke 14:23).

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Strategy – Reaping

Persuading with the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:11)

#### 1. Romans Road

- a. All have sinned (Romans 3:23).
- b. Wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- c. Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8).
- d. Confess and Believe in Jesus (Rom. 10:9).
- e. Call and you will be saved (Rom. 10:13).

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Strategy – Reaping

#### Persuading with the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:11)

#### 2. “Book of Sin” illustration:

Let my left hand represent me and my right hand represents Jesus. (Hold up a book with the left hand.) This book represents my shortcomings, my sins. God loves me but He hates my sins and must punish them. (Point to the book.) Because of His great love, God sent Jesus into the world (Lift up the right hand parallel to the left.) The Bible says, “All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way. And the LORD had laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isa. 53:6). (As you say the words “laid on Him”, transfer the book from the left to the right hand and leave it there.) When Jesus died on the Cross, God laid on Him all our sins and guilt. Jesus was buried and our sins were buried with Him and He rose again so that we can have life with Him. This is the Good News of God for you and me.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### **Strategy – Reaping**

Persuading with the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:11)

Witnessing is

A life-long intentional process

Of sharing the gospel of Christ

In the love and good works of God

By the power of the holy spirit,

Leaving the results to God.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Strategy – Reaping

Persuading with the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:11)

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.  
He that goes forth and weeps,  
bearing precious seed,  
shall doubtless come again  
with rejoicing,  
bringing his sheaves with him”  
(Ps. 126:5,6).

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### **Prayer**

LORD, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me.  
And may I nobly do my part  
To win that soul for you.

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### **Casting of Crowns**

*“The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Rev. 4:10,11).*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

1. Let us see that we keep our bodies under control and live to secure the crowns.

*(2 Peter 3:11,12) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

*Looking for and hasting unto the Coming of the Day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

#### 2. *Let us desire to live so that we be not ashamed at His Coming (1 John 2:28).*

*(Luke 12:35-37) Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;*

*And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately.*

*Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that He shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

**3. *Let us love His Coming and pray “Even so, come Lord Jesus” (Luke 2:25; Rev. 22:20).***

*(Luke 2:25) And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.*

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

#### Christ is Coming

1. Christ is coming. He is coming.  
And we do not know the hour  
O sinner you're not ready  
Till you taste His saving pow'r

#### *Chorus*

Lord Jesus come quickly  
And take Thy children home  
Are you ready for His coming  
When Jesus claims His own

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

2. As He went up into heaven  
So He cometh from the sky  
O Christian will you serve Him  
For redemption draweth nigh

### *Chorus*

Lord Jesus come quickly  
And take Thy children home  
Are you ready for His coming  
When Jesus claims His own

## 4. CROWN OF REJOICING

### Reflections

3. He will come in pow'r and glory  
And the dead in Christ shall rise  
Then we who still are living  
Shall be caught up in the skies

### *Chorus*

Lord Jesus come quickly  
And take Thy children home  
Are you ready for His coming  
When Jesus claims His own

## Assignments

1. Please share three blessings that you have received in the teaching. Be specific and in detail.
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