

THE CROWN OF ETERNAL LIFE IS ONLY FOR THE OBEDIENT!

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The Scriptures do not contain a large body of texts and information concerning the “*crown of life*” which is promised to God’s saints. But what the Scriptures do teach is both plain and to the point. We shall briefly outline the Biblical facts on this much-neglected subject.

Those who are striving to obtain this incorruptible crown, are to be temperate in all things, keeping their bodies under control. In fact, the apostle Paul had to practise these virtues himself, otherwise he would be lost. 1 Corinthians 9:24 - 27: - “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? **So run, that ye may obtain. 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.** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth 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.**”

At the **end** of Paul’s life, he could reflect upon the fact, that he had been faithful in his Christian walk – *he had kept the faith*, and therefore the Lord had a “*crown of righteousness*” waiting for him. This was to be given to him, at the 2nd Coming of Christ, as all those who love Christ’s coming will also receive this crown with Paul. 2 Timothy 4:7, 8: - “**I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: 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.**”

The crown of incorruptible glory, is given to the saints at the 2nd Coming of Jesus. 1 Peter 5:4: - “**And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory** that fadeth not away.”

Jesus promised a “*crown of life*” to those who will be “*faithful unto death*”. Revelation 2:10: - “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.**”

Just before the 2nd Coming of Jesus, he exhorts his faithful followers to “*hold fast*” what they have in their spiritual experience and walk, so that no person can take their crowns from them. (This indicates that it is possible to lose this heavenly crown, by not **enduring** unto the end of our Christian walk.)

Revelation 3:10, 11: - “Because **thou hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. **Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.**”

NOTE: - What the last day saints are holding onto is **keeping the word of Christ’s patience.** Perhaps the following passage in Revelation concerning the last day saints helps us to understand this expression better.

Revelation 14:12: - “Here is the patience of **the saints:** here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

The apostle James teaches us that the “*crown of life*” is to be given to the person who endures temptation. In other words to the **overcomer**. And this crown has been promised to all those who **love** the Lord.

James 1:12: - “**Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**”

TO LOVE THE LORD MEANS TO BE OBEDIENT TO HIS COMMANDMENT’S AND THE TEACHINGS OF HIS WORD: -

Exodus 20:6: - “And showing mercy unto thousands of them that **love me, and keep my commandments.**”

John 14:15, 23: - “**If ye love me, keep my commandments.** ... Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**”

1 John 5:2, 3: - “By this we know that we love the children of God, **when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.”

Not only has the Lord promised a “*crown of life*” for those who love him, he has also prepared an eternal dwelling place for the saints in the City of God - the Heavenly Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 2:9: - “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, **the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**”

John 14:2, 3: - “**In my Father’s house are many mansions:** if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.”

Hebrews 11:16: - “But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: **for he hath prepared for them a city.**”

Hebrews 12:22: - “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** and to an innumerable company of angels.”

And the entrance into this Heavenly City prepared by the Lord, for those who love him, is through the gates of the New Jerusalem. From what we have already found from the Scriptures, we should not be surprised that this entrance is for those who have **kept God’s Commandments**. They have access to the Tree of Life, and will be wearing their crowns of unfading glory, for all eternity in the Kingdom of God.

Revelation 22:14: - “**Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**”