HEAVENLY CROWNS OF REWARD

(1 Corinthians 3:8-15)

INTRODUCTION:

In this message, we will review Five Heavenly Crowns of Reward that Believers can receive in Heaven for faithful service.

- o "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (1 Cor 3:8).
- I. THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN (1 Cor 9:24-27)
 - A. Christians Who Exercise Self-Control (Col 3:5-11)
 - **B.** Christians Who Practice Self-Denial (Col 3:12-14)
 - C. Christians Who Endeavor to Excel (Matt 25:21)
 - D. Rewarded To Christians Who "Run A Good Race" In This Christian Life
- II. THE CROWN OF REJOICING (1 Thess 2:19-20)
 - A. Christians Can Receive The "Soul Winners Crown" (Prov 11:30)
 - B. Christians Create Joy In Heaven for Every Soul Won To Christ (Luke 15:7)
 - C. Rewarded to Cristians Who Labored to Save Souls From The Fires of Hell
- **III.** THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (2 Tim 4:5-8)
 - A. Christians Looking For The Second Coming of Christ Also referred to as "The Second Coming Crown" or "Watchers Crown" (1 Thess 4:16; 1 John 2:28)
 - B. Rewarded To Christians Anticipating Christ's Soon Return (Rev 22:20; Acts 1:10-11)
- IV. THE CROWN OF LIFE (James 1:12)
 - **A.** Christians Are To Resist Temptation (1 Cor 10:13; James 1:12)
 - B. Rewarded To Christians Who Suffer For The Cause Of Christ (Rev 2:10)
- V. THE CROWN OF GLORY (1 Pet 5:2-4)
 - A. **Crown for Church Leadership** Referred To As the "Elder's or Pastor's Crown, The Shepherd's Crown, or The Crown of Teaching
 - B. Church Leaders Are To Feed The Flock (1 Pet 5:2; Acts 20:20, 27, 28)
 - C. Church Leaders Are To Be Examples to The Flock (v. 3; 2 Cor 10:12-13)
 - D. Rewarded to Leaders Who Serve Willingly, Eagerly, Cheerfully, and Faithfully to Christ's Church.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Believers with Faithful Service can receive Five Heavenly Crowns of Reward: The Incorruptible Crown; The Crown of Rejoicing; The Crown of Righteousness; The Crown of Life, and The Crown of Glory.
- B. When The Books Are Open Wide
- C. ABC's of Salvation (Rom 3:23; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 10:9-13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).