

THE SEVEN CROWNS

There are seven crowns we can receive as Believers. The first two crowns are ones that we receive immediately upon being transformed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Just as He is our engagement ring and our seal, He is also our shield of protection and our crown of holiness, separation from this world. He is our worldly dirt repellent and shield of grace.

1. Crown of Separation – the word is actually translated separation and is the Hebrew word “nezer” which means consecration, crown, and separation. All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD. It could also be termed our Crown of Holiness. We are of God. **Numbers 6:8 2 Peter 2:9**

2. Crown of Protection Psalm 5:12

God is all powerful and it is He who is our protection which is a blessing reserved for the righteous person.

3. Incorruptible Crown - the Runner’s crown. **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

To qualify for this crown we must be faithful in our work (whatever it is) until the end. That is why some refer to this crown as the Worker's Crown. Any Saint who faithfully and honestly labors to supply his own temporal needs-- and that of his family-- does the LORD's work. **1 Thessalonians 4:11 1 Timothy 5:8**

4. Crown of Rejoicing - the soul-winner's crown.

1 Thes 2:19-20 Daniel 12:3 Prov 11:30

Every time an individual is converted, there is joy in Heaven; but at the day of the giving of rewards, the soul-winner will be exceedingly joyful, when those are presented to God whom he had won to Christ.

5. Crown of Righteousness - the watcher’s crown. **2 Tim 4:8 1 John 3:2-3 Titus 2:13**

Here the character of the reward corresponds to the character of the Giver. Both are said to be righteous. The doctrine of our Lord's return is regarded very highly by God. But how wonderful to know that God has prepared a special reward for all who look for that blessed hope, who wait for His son from Heaven, and who love His appearing.

6. Crown of Life - the Sufferer’s Crown. **James 1:12 Revelation 2:10**

This is the crown that goes to those children of God who have endured the trials and temptations, learning the lessons God has set before them. This is the crown that goes to those who endure many things and do not waver in their faith. Their faith has been tested and it has been proven Sincere. The Crown of Life is also for those who were martyred proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

7. Crown of Glory - the Shepherd’s Crown. **1 Peter 5:1-4**

There are many who have been called and ordained by God to preach and teach His Word. The Crown of Glory is reserved for those who are the backbone of the church, the elders, pastors, teachers and those who are above reproach in guiding the Bride of Christ. This award is undoubtedly reserved for faithful ministers.

What will we do with all the crowns and rewards we receive? **Rev 4:10**

Our job here on earth is to labor and be ready for His glorious return.