

Crown of Life
2 Tim 4:8
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about the “Crown of Life” from the Bible.

Intro:

1. There are various crown references throughout the Bible.
2. Today we will look at the different descriptions of the crown of Life and how the Christian can obtain it.

I. Faithful to receive a Crown

- A. Be faithful, receive a crown (Rev 2:10)
- B. Crown of Righteousness laid up (2 Tim 4:8)
- C. Endure temptation receive a crown (James 1:12)
- D. Victory in Jesus (1 Cor 15:57)

II. Description of the Crown

- A. Incorruptible (1 Cor 9:25)
- B. Crown of rejoicing (1 Thess 2:19)
- C. Never fades (1 Pt 5:4)
- D. Prize of the High calling (Phil 3:14)

III. Crown can be lost – taken away

- A. Hold fast (Rev 3:11)
- B. Run so as to receive the prize (1 Cor 9:24)
- C. Endure to the end, requirement to be saved (Mt 10:22)
- D. Can fall from grace (Gal 5:4)

Conc: - Result of living Faithful unto Death

1. Receive the crown of life (Rev 2:10b)
2. Blessed are those that obey (Rev 22:14)

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.