James #58

Go, and make disciples of all the nations

We will do the LORD’s Supper at the end of this message so please be prepared.

We can open up in Matthew chapter 28 RF.

What we have covered so far in this series on crowns;

/The Crown of Righteousness – is a capacity crown, given to Christians who have grown into maturity. (2Tim 4:8)

The Crown of Life – given to a Jeshurun Believer—they had personal, historical, international, angelic impacts (Jam 1:12, Rev 2:10)

The Crown of Glory – given to pastors who diligently worked to accurately handle the WORD (1Pet 5:4, Phl 4:1, 1Thes 2:19) \

Interestingly enough, there is a dual meaning related to Phl 4:1 and 1Thes 2:19. Which again I remind you that all scriptures has great depth and layers within them.

/Phl 4:1 Therefore, my beloved brothers *and sisters,* whom I long *to see,* **my joy and crown**, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

1Thes 2:19 For who *is* **our hope, or joy or crown of pride, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming**? Or *is it* not **indeed you**? 20 For **you are our glory** and joy.\

The pastor-teacher in his temporal life gets a taste or a sense, of this Crown of Glory from serious students under his authority.

The motivation for the pastor is occupation with the Lord, studying the person and work of TLJC is his core foundation and drive. Reaching deeper into truth is a driving factor.

/The pastor’s crown of glory is received because certain members of his congregation have taken their time, talent and treasure and focused on the teaching of the WORD. They take the steps into spiritual self-esteem and then head toward spiritual autonomy (Crown of Righteousness). This is a point of Godly pride for a pastor in time.\

At the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ, the crown of glory will be a result of diligent studying and teaching.

Even if only a few congregation members listened - God does not care about quantity – HE is a GOD of quality over quantity.

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It is the doctrinal principle of - the right thing done in the right way.

/The happiness (contentment) of the pastor comes from the positive response of those faithful to the teaching of the Word of God. The pastor’s life and blessings are different, because of his calling, there is a uniqueness and a higher standard. There is a doctrinal principle of double discipline and double Honor or blessings.\

So, even a few positive Bels, become the basis for the pastor receiving the crown of glory.

The Crown of Glory is also seen as part of the Apostle Paul’s teaching in relation to the Crown of Joy.

/The Crown of Joy — seen in the New Testament — 1 Thes 2:19, where it is used for soul winning, and Philippians 4:1 where it is used for helping other Believers. It is a reward based upon relationship with Christians or other members of the human race. The Apostle Paul touched on the meaning toward the Crown of Glory and also touched on the Crown of Joy within these two scriptures.\

The reason was probably because pastors, church leaders and especially SM Bels, should be placing OTHERS over self.

They should want to evangelize; they should want to help confused or lost Bels.

The core of Christianity is – others!

As a pastor you naturally evangelize and help others such as Unbels and Bels in your teaching.

It is woven into accurate Biblical Hermeneutics.

(MAT 28) After the Lord was resurrected and before HE ascended back to heaven, HE called the 11 apostles together.

He made certain to give them a great commission so that the early church of Jesus Christ could begin.

 Mat 28: 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated to them.

[Mat 28:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/28/17/s_957017) And when they saw Him, they worshiped *Him;* but some were doubtful.

Thomas and a few others were Bels yet several of them were having a hard time with accepting the resurrection.

[Mat 28:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/28/18/s_957018) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

/[Mat 28:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/28/19/s_957019) “**Go, therefore, and make disciples**(*mathēteuō*) **of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Imperative mood is a command, both verse 19 & 20 emphasizes teaching the word to everyone – getting the Good News out world wide (gospel).\

MATH-OH-TOO-OH, meaning teach all the people of the world to become students of TLJC…teach the WORD.

Taking from the Greek word –

MATH-OT-AZE, meaning pupils… or mathematicians, where we get are English word mathematics from.

[Mat 28:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/28/20/s_957020) teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Keep in mind this was the foundations of the early church – (ECC-LAY-CEE-AH) the called-out ones under Christ. Many spiritual gifts and foundational practices were done away over the course of a 60 year period. (33 AD – 93 AD)

Either just shortly before or after the completed canon of scripture in 95 AD.

  REPEAT

This Crown of Joy is given on the basis of the soul winning of the Unbelievers, as well as edifying and assisting other Christians.

This is the meaning of OTHERS in Christianity – winning souls in a lost and dying world and lifting up fellow Christians.

Leading lost Bels into truth or bringing them back.

/1Thes 5:11 Therefore **encourage one another and build one another up**, just as you are doing.

Heb 3:13 But **exhort one another every day,** as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(Eph 4:29, Heb 10:24-25, Rom 14:19, 1Pet 2:1-25, 1Cor 14:26, Col 3:16…etc)\

We will close today in Revelation chapter three RF.

Some theologians believe - The ultimate decoration, is the Order of the Morning Star.

/Rev 2:26 **The one who overcomes, and the one who keeps My deeds** until the end, I will give him **authority over the nations**; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE SHATTERED, as I also have received *authority* from My Father; 28 and **I will give him the morning star**.\

This will only be given to Winner Bels of the highest order.

They will ride back with our LORD for the 2nd Advent and clean house for the 1,000 years of Christ on earth.

Where they will rule over cities… towns and in some cases nations!

Remember our LORD’s battle field commission and name ‘THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR’. This is connected to that title and that authority.

The final war on this earth will be at the battle of Armageddon and it will have the highest single body count.

 REPEAT

These Winners will be in high-ranking leadership roles.

There are warnings regarding crowns and rewards. God never takes away blessings.

Yet there are many scriptures that point to the fact we can destroy or miss out on what HE already gave us in our escrow accounts from eternity past.

/2Jhn 1:8 Watch yourselves, **that you do not lose what we have accomplished**, but *that* you may **receive a full reward**.

Rev 3:11 ‘**I am coming quickly**; **hold firmly to** what you have, **so that no one will take your crown**.\

*I AM COMING QUICKLY* – *HOLD FIRMLY* –

This is written as a command in the imperative mood. The present, active, imperative, of the verb KRAT-AA-O, to take possession of… or grab hold of something. Meaning this is what you should be doing until the Rapture occurs. The word means:  to seize, to grasp, to get possession of, to become the master of something, to attain something.

You should be learning, you should be attaining a higher spiritual life through consistently learning, growing and applying Bible doctrine.

/*You do not pray for the Rapture, but prepare for the Rapture by the execution of the spiritual life. This is also how you keep other people from distracting you from attaining your escrow blessings for eternity. Losers participate in the resurrection of the Church but lose their escrow blessings for eternity.*

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 Crowns are decorations and additions to your authority, that accompany the various escrow blessings in the eternal state.

These crowns were given in eternity past when GOD knew you had potential to be a winner. They are not distributed unless you execute the plan of God.

There are people who can distract you from Bible doctrine, and in doing so, they keep you from receiving these crowns.

Many worldly distractions and people are set in place by the KOD to keep you stagnant, in backward motion in your spiritual walk.

/Rev 3:11 **‘I am coming quickly; hold firmly** to what you have, so that **no one will take your crown.**

People can become distractions when they do not have the mind of Christ as their foundation.\

Be careful how the devil tempts and distracts you…days turn into weeks… and then years very quickly!

/[Rev 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/3/12/s_1170012) ‘**The one who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God**, and he will not go out from it anymore; and **I will write on him the name of My God**, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

These term for pillars was often used to speak of mature Bels or foundations that upheld something of great value. This speaks to a level of prestige inside an inner circle of heavenly privileges.\

This verse speaks deeply into the doctrine of winners in heaven.

[Rev 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/3/13/s_1170013) ‘The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Let us prepare for the Lord’s supper by looking at Romans chapter 8 RF.

With these types of rank and decorations all winners will wear a special uniform of glory mentioned in Rev 3:4 or as seen in Rev 2:17;

/Rev 2:17 ‘The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To the one who overcomes, I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone,** and a **new name** written on the stone which no one knows except the one who receives *it.’\*

This new name speaks to prestige and rank – the hidden manna is greater knowledge which is all pointing to privilege in heaven.

Let us prepare to recognize the ONE who has given us all this opportunity and all of these crowns, blessings and rewards.

/Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, **but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things**? 33 Who will bring charges against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies;\

FREELY we were given all things!

Already set up for us in eternity past.

Notice - who can bring charges against the children of GOD?

[Rom 8:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/34/s_1054034) who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

You are in union with Christ forever! HE is already working in your favor every day in failure and success – HE is working in your favor. No accusation sticks!

[Rom 8:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/35/s_1054035) Who will separate us from the love of Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Notice the exhaustive list that the Apostle Paul writes down for us.

[Rom 8:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/36/s_1054036) Just as it is written: “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG;WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

[Rom 8:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/37/s_1054037) But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Your victory is IN CHRIST…already done for you!

[Rom 8:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/38/s_1054038) For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Another exhaustive list written for our benefit.

[Rom 8:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/39/s_1054039) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOTHING can separate you after salvation.

TLJC did all of this for our sake. His humanity, HIS person and HIS work removed all obstacles. Giving us abundant opportunities with blessings and crowns and rewards that we could never earn… deserve or achieve.

Let us bring HIM into remembrance.

On the night HE was betrayed, Our LORD took the bread, broke it and gave thanks.

Saying “This is MY body I give to you…take and eat.”

In remembrance of The Lord Jesus Christ let us eat the bread.

In the same manner our LORD took the cup and gave thanks. Saying, “This is MY blood, the cup of a new and everlasting covenant, so that each time you eat the bread and drink this cup, you shall bring ME into remembrance …until I return.”

In remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ let us drink the cup.

Let us pray…amen.