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## OUR REWARDS IN HEAVEN PART 1

The Bible teaches us that our salvation is by faith on Jesus alone, not by “works” or what “we do.” However, our eternal reward is by our works and what we as believers do with our lives.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:20, ***“...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”*** How do we do that? Jesus’ greatest commandment was to LOVE everyone (John 13:34). We also are to help those in need as an expression of that love. We also are to share the good news of the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. When we get to heaven, we will be judged for reward. I Corinthians 3:8 (NKJV) says, ***“...each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor (work).”*** Verse 14 further says ***“If anyone’s work which has been built on (Jesus’ foundation) endures (the test of fire), he will receive a reward.”***

Many people have the mistaken idea that “heaven is my reward.” No, that is our destination, or our “home” so to speak. All true believers on Jesus shall reach the destination. Rewards are determined after arrival at the “Bema Seat” judgment where your “works” are judged. The “rewards” may vary greatly.

In Revelation 22:12, Jesus said, (NKJV), ***“and, behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to everyone according to his work.”***

There are many levels of reward according to our works that are built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. The highest rewards are crowns. This is befitting for the faithful who shall reign as kings and priests (priestly kings) in the future earthly kingdom of Christ. I call them the “Victor’s Crown.”

We shall continue tomorrow looking at each crown spoken of in the Bible. There are five of them in particular. --Stay tuned