

(BASICS | PHASE 2/DISCIPLESHIP)

Salvation

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Justification

Past (Phase 1)

*I Have Been Saved From the
Penalty of Sin*

Free

Christian

Salvation

Sanctification

Present (Phase 2)

*I Am Being Saved From the
Power of Sin*

Costly

Disciple

Salvation

Glorification

Future (Phase 3)

*I Will Be Saved
From the
Presence of Sin*

Face to Face

Glorified Bodies

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. Rom.13:11

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

We learned the doctrine of trials(V.2-5)Verse 2 & 4 form book ends

What to do amidst the various trials(V2)

What is the objective of trial in the life of the believer (V4)

What do you if you can't count it all joy(V5)

1. Pray for wisdom to CIAJ (count it all joy)
2. Expect God to answer you.
3. God's has promised to give us wisdom. We are to ask God for the ability to look at tests as we should. God gives generously.

¹² Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12

Πειρασμός peirasmos,- testing, trials ὑπομένω * hupomeno- remain, bear up

Reward comes after the testing has been endured. There may be a **long time wrapped up in the word when**. Please note that the reward is future and will be given later, during (Phase 3 Salvation).

DOCTRINE OF CROWNS

First two crowns Taken from Thieme's Bible Doctrine Dictionary

1. Crowns of righteousness and life.

The “crown of righteousness” describes the mature believer’s capacity to receive and enjoy the greater blessings of the eternal state (2 Tim. 4:8). The “crown of life” honors the mature believer’s perseverance under testing and his use of spiritual skills while on earth (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10). Together, these two rewards indicate maximum production of divine good, occupation with Christ, and the positive impact of that believer’s life on human history.

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2. Crown of glory. This eternal decoration is specially designated for pastors who faithfully communicate the Word of God (Heb. 6:10). The one who obeys the command to “shepherd the flock of God,” whatever the size of his local congregation, not for his own gain but according to God’s will, will be awarded this distinction once the “Chief Shepherd appears” to bring His Church home (1 Pet. 5:2–4; cf. Col. 1:25–29). As part of his reward, the faithful pastor has the pleasure of presenting the mature members of his congregation before the Lord and watching them receive their eternal rewards (Phil. 4:11; 1 Thess. 2:19–20).

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3.The Crown of Rejoicing – (1 Thessalonians 2:19) “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?” The apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 4:4 to “rejoice always in the Lord” for all the bountiful blessings our gracious God has showered upon us. As believers we have more in this life to rejoice about than anyone else. Luke tells us there is rejoicing even now in heaven (Luke 15:7). The crown of rejoicing will be our reward where “God will wipe away every tear . . . there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

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4. The Imperishable Crown – (1 Corinthians 9:24-25) “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate [disciplined] in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown” (NKJV). All things on this earth are subject to decay and will perish. Jesus urges us to not store our treasures on earth “where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19). This is analogous to what Paul was saying about that crown that falls apart. But not so the heavenly crown; faithful endurance wins a heavenly reward which is “an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven.

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5. The Crown of Righteousness. “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto them also that love His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8). 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. In spite of the fact that Jesus said He would come again, there are many people who scoff at the thought of Christ’s appearing. This and kindred truths have brought suffering and hardship, and in some cases death to those who insisted on preaching and teaching them. 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

18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. James 1:18

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; James 1:19