



How you can have...

TREASURES in HEAVEN

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What ARE these eternal treasures (rewards) in Heaven?

They are:



Crown
of Life



Crown
of Glory



WELL
DONE!



Crown of
Righteousness



Imperishable
Crown



Crown of
Rejoicing

Jesus said,

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...

*but lay up for yourselves **TREASURES IN HEAVEN...**" (Matthew 6:19-21)*

How CAN a person have these treasures (rewards)?



Crown of Life - Be faithful until death (Revelation 2:10)
Endure temptation (James 1:12)



Crown of Glory - Be an example to believers (I Peter 5:3-4)



Crown of Righteousness - Fight a good fight, finish your race,
keep the faith (II Timothy 4:7-8)



Imperishable Crown - Be temperate (discipline your body)
(I Corinthians 9:25)



Crown of Rejoicing - (Soul Winner's Crown) win others to
Jesus Christ (I Thess. 2:19-20, Phil. 4:1)

The Apostle Paul lived his life to please his Lord, thus obtaining an eternal heavenly reward!

You can, too!

Paul wrote:

“Run in such a way that you may win”

(I Corinthians 9:24)

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:14)

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING.” (II Timothy 4:7-8)



BUT – YOU COULD LOSE YOUR REWARD!

“If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” (I Corinthians 3:15)

“... Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.” (Revelation 3:11)

“FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, THAT EACH ONE MAY RECEIVE THE THINGS *DONE* IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS *DONE*, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.

KNOWING, THEREFORE, THE TERROR OF THE LORD, **WE PERSUADE MEN;...** (II Corinthians 5:10-11)



Before you seek treasures in heaven:

Jesus said "...unless one is **born again, he CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**" (John 3:3)

The Bad News: Have you ever told a lie, stolen anything, or used God's Name in a cuss word? Jesus said that if you simply look with lust, you've already committed adultery in your heart (Matt. 5:28). If you break only one of God's 10 commandments, you are guilty of **all!** (James 2:10) Therefore, **EVERYONE** needs Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

The Good News: Eternal life for you!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)



"But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

To be born again means to be born spiritually into God's family by turning from sin (repentance), receiving Jesus into your heart to cleanse you from your sin, and to lovingly follow Him with your life in obedience.

Jesus said, "BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK; IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM..."
(Revelation 3:20-21)

Become "BORN AGAIN" right now:

Heavenly Father,
I admit that I've sinned by breaking your ten commandments. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died in my place for my sins and rose again. I now open the door of my heart and life to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I turn from my old ways to love, obey, and follow Him. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

YOUR NAME

DATE

NOW TELL OTHERS!!!

Jesus said, "...whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in Heaven." (Matthew 10:32)



PROOF that you now have ETERNAL LIFE:

1. Did you believe? "...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." (Romans 10:9)

2. Does His Spirit bear witness with yours? "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we **are** children of God." (Romans 8:16)

3. There will be evidence of a changed life. Jesus said, "...if anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me..." (Luke 9:23-26)

"...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who **has** the Son **has** life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

"that you may **know** that you **have** eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God."

(I John 5:11-13)

Jesus gives eternal life to those who follow Him

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish... I and My Father are one." (John 10:27-30)

Jesus, the Son of God, is also God incarnate (God in a human body) (Acts 20:28, John 8:58).
When you received Jesus, you received God.
(II John 9, Romans 9:5)

But you could leave God!

"...consider the goodness and severity (strictness) of God; on those who fell, severity (strictness); but to you goodness, if you continue in His goodness, otherwise you also shall be cut off."
(Romans 11:22)



Your Enemy -- the devil.

He's real! He'll try to keep you from bringing others to God.
He'll put a wicked, evil thought in your mind -- even when you are praying! Here's what you do:

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**” (James 4:6-7)

God, I submit to you.



Devil, in the Name of Jesus,
I resist you!



I will **not** sin
against my
Lord!

I'm outa here!



What about **SEX**? Is it okay? **YES!**
As often as you like! But **ONLY** if you
are married and **ONLY** with your
wife or husband!

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his **WIFE**, and they shall become one flesh.
(Genesis 2:24)

“**FLEE** sexual immorality. ...he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”
(I Corinthians 6:18)

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Neither fornicators (sexual intercourse outside marriage)... nor adulterers (married persons having sex with another), nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards will inherit the kingdom of God. And such **were** some of you... but you were justified (declared righteous) in the Name of the Lord Jesus. (I Corinthians 6:9-11)



BACKSLIDING

What if, after you trusted Jesus to be your Savior, you fell into some sin? Can you get right with God again? **YES!**

(James 1:12-16, 5:19-20)

Peter denied Jesus 3 times, repented of his sins, was restored, then led 3,000 people to the Lord in one day! (Acts 2:14-41)

David committed adultery and murder! His sins ruined the rest of his life, but God forgave him after he confessed his sins, and he became a “man after God’s heart”. (Acts 13:22)

Confess your sins and forsake them for God’s mercy!
(Proverbs 28:13)



“If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.”
(I John 1:8-9)



Now you have a choice!

Don't remain a baby Christian - ignorant of God's Word and having no desire to bring others to Jesus Christ.

BUT RATHER:

Be a powerful witnessing Christian, sharing Jesus everywhere, knowledgeable of the Bible, able to resist temptation, filled with God's Holy Spirit, with **treasures in heaven** awaiting you. (Matthew 6:19-21)



NOW: Just as a parent helps an infant grow, God gave us helps to grow. See the following pages to grow up into a powerful witnessing Christian!

Read and study your Bible - EVERY DAY!

Read at least a chapter daily - it's only 2 pages and takes less than 10 minutes. Read the New Testament first. Read John first. Then read the Old Testament. Never stop reading the Bible - **every day of your entire life!** (II Tim. 3:15-17, II Tim 2:15)



Attend Church or meet with other believers to study the Bible. “... not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

If your church does not teach from the Bible and exalt Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, **LEAVE** and find a church that does.



Most scriptures in this booklet are from the New King James Version of the Bible.

PRAY! Jesus said, “ And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” (Matthew 21:22)



Pray every day and even several times a day. Talk to God like you would talk to a friend. Thank Him for all the things He does for you. Pray for others who have not received Jesus into their lives because they are headed for hell without Jesus. Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name (God's Son), as Jesus is the only One who takes our prayers to His Father.

(Ephesians 6:18, Phil. 4:6-7, I Thess. 5:17-18)

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men ... Christ Jesus.” (I Timothy 2:5)

Baptism

Jesus said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples (followers) of all nations BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:18-20)



When you are baptized in water, you are obeying Jesus Himself. You are telling the world that you are dead to the old life, buried with Christ - then raised to walk in newness of life - having rejected your old sinful life! (Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12)

If you were baptized as an infant, you may want to be baptized again, the Bible way. Thousands of believers in the New Testament were immediately baptized **after** they trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

GIVE !

To churches and organizations that are winning people to Jesus Christ and training them to reach others. Help the poor and those in need.

**“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return.”
(Luke 6:38)**

“... he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:6-7)



**Sow by Giving! Reap Your Harvest
in This Life and in the Life to Come!**

To do God's work, you **MUST** go in God's Holy Spirit power - **NOT** in your own power! (John 20:21-22)

Jesus said, "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you **SHALL** be My witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)

Our command: "Be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)

Jesus' promise: "If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**" (Luke 11:13)



Here's how to be filled (empowered) by the Holy Spirit:

(Eph. 5:18, I Cor. 12:13)

1. Confess to God the sins in your life. "If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9)
2. **Forgive** anyone who has wronged you. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men... neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt. 6:14-15)
3. Present your body to God as a living sacrifice, to be used as He wishes. (Romans 12:1-2)
4. **ASK** God to fill you with the Holy Spirit.
(Luke 11:11-13, I John 5:14-15)

Suggested prayer to ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I need your Holy Spirit power. I confess that I've sinned against you and I now repent. Thank you for forgiving me and cleansing me. I forgive those who have wronged me. I now present my body to you to use as you wish. **FILL ME NOW WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.** I know I am now filled with your Holy Spirit because you **PROMISED** to fill me if I would sincerely ask. I pray this in the Name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Spirit lives inside every true believer, but if you lack joy, love for others, or self control; then you need a fresh **filling** of the Holy Spirit for victory. Pray the above prayer as often as you need to.



Then **BEGIN SHARING** with others how they also can have eternal life!

Because:

- *Jesus commanded this! **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to every creature.”** (Mark 16:15)
“You shall be witnesses unto Me.” (Acts 1:8)
- * **“Anyone not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”** (Revelation 20:15)
- * **You will hear Jesus say, “Well done!”** (Matt. 25:21)
- * **You will see people in heaven whom you had invited there.**
- * **Jesus will confess you before His Father if you confess Him before others.** (Matt. 10:32)
- * **TREASURES IN HEAVEN ARE FOREVER, not perishable like earthly treasures.** (I Cor. 9:25)

Using a gospel tract to win others to Christ:

Share them everywhere - market, post office, hardware store, beach, etc.

Look for opportunities. **Pray** before leaving home. Be friendly. Greet people, holding out a Know Your Future booklet. Say, "Did you get one of these?" If he shows interest, tell him, "This booklet tells how to be 100% sure you'll go to heaven when you die!"



Then immediately begin asking the questions in the booklet beginning with, "Do you think you're a good person?" Keep going through the booklet. If he is willing to repent, show him the prayer on page 12 to invite Jesus into his heart. He can pray it silently, if he is timid.

Then finish sharing the rest of the booklet. Invite him to church. See the back page to order booklets.

**Thousands have been led to
Jesus Christ using this method.**

Are you fishing?

Jesus said, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19)

Real fishermen are aggressive. **They go to where the fish are to catch fish.** They do not wait for the fish to come to them.



Always be ready to witness. (Psalms 126:5-6) Carry tracts, and at least once a week **GO** to a university campus, shopping mall, beach, park - anywhere people go - and give away gospel tracts, sharing the gospel message with people. Will you **feel** like going? Probably not! Will you be fearful at first? You probably will! Once you start, you will **enjoy** sharing!

Smile and be friendly. A little “small talk” before sharing is helpful.

Will you be glad you went? **Absolutely!** Do you want to hear Jesus say, “**Well done!**”?

Remember, **TREASURES IN HEAVEN ARE FOREVER!**
DON'T LOSE YOURS!

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