

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ
Rewards in Heaven
Selected Scriptures

Truth: The goal of receiving rewards in heaven is to be able to give them back to God in praise and worship.

1. Rewards in Scripture.

- Revelation 22:12 • Romans 4:10-12 • 2 Corinthians 5:10

- Eternal rewards.

- Matthew 5:11-12 ◦ 1 Corinthians 3:11-14

- Eternal inheritance.

- Galatians 4:4-7 ◦ Romans 8:16-17 ◦ 1 Peter 1:3-5

- Crowns (*stephanos*) - a badge of royalty, a prize for victory, a symbol of honor.

- Incorruptible crown - for obedience and service to Jesus. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; 1 Peter 1:3-4
- Crown of righteousness - for anticipating Jesus' return. 2 Timothy 4:8
- Crown of rejoicing - for bringing people to faith in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
- Crown of glory - for ministering to fellow Christians. 1 Peter 5:2-4
- Crown of life - for patiently enduring persecution for Jesus. James 1:12; Revelation 2:10

2. The purpose of rewards in heaven.

- 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 • Revelation 4:14,9-11

"Your life is God's gift to you. What you make of it is your gift to God" Robert L. Cate
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