

A crown of life is even more than a reward.



JESUS HAS PROMISED, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). He’s not talking about your salvation there. Salvation is a *gift* of God (Romans 6:23). You don’t work for it or earn it at all, but your *crown* is your *reward* and even more. It’s not only a reward but also recognition before all of a job well done. Once we receive Jesus, we’re saved whether we endure to the end or not, but we’ll be given special rewards and special honor if we are a special blessing while here (Daniel 12:3; 2 Timothy 4:7–8; James 1:12).

Of course, you’re going to fall down before Jesus and cast your crown before His throne like the 24 elders in Revelation 4:10. Every time you start praising the Lord you’re going to forget all about that crown and it’s going to tumble off right at His feet, but you’d better pick it up again and put it on and wear it proudly, because that’s why He gave it to you. That’s what’s going to show what you have done for Him, and He wants the world to see it—your badge of faithfulness, a crown of life!