

...in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing (2Tim. 4:8).

Many times we think that a crown is something only reserved for a king or queen. We don't generally think of ourselves as being royalty and deserving such an honor. But think again!

As Christians, we are children of the king! We live in exalted spiritual places because we are royalty. Peter said in 2Pet. 2:9 that we are a "royal priesthood." Paul mentioned in Eph. 2:6 that we have been seated with Christ (on His throne) in the heavenly places. John tells us that those who overcome will be clothed in white, given a crown and a throne (Rev. 3:4; 2:10; 3:21).

What a wonderful prize awaits us. When Jesus, the righteous Judge appears He will award the faithful a wonderful crown of life. This prize is waiting for us in the heavenly realms; it cannot tarnish, be stolen; or decay. The world may do many cruel things, but one thing the devil and his servants cannot do is take your crown. Our reward is not to be found in this life; but in our hope of the eternal heaven, where we will be crowned in glory.

I have worn many hats in my life, but it is that crown of eternal life, that I truly desire to have on my head. So, hang in there and don't ever give up. An everlasting crown from Jesus awaits those who have loved His appearing. What a glorious day is coming! A day of final redemption, deliverance, and restoration. A day of coronation--by the King Himself!

See you Sunday!

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