

CROWNS & REWADS

FROM THE JUDGMENT THRONE OF YAHUSHA

(All Scriptures are from the KJV unless otherwise noted.)



acceptable in the sight of Yahusha our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. KJV

James 1:12 Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that Yahuwa has promised those who love him. TLB



What about this verse?

2 Tim 3:7

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

ΚJV

Is there a crown/reward for these people too?

Steps Salvation

Believe

Hear

ROM 10:17

So then faith

cometh by

hearing, and

hearing by the

word of Yahuwa.

loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have

JOHN 3:16

For Yahuwa so everlasting life.

Confess

ROM 10:9

Repent

ACTS 17:30

And the times of

this ignorance

Yahuwa winked at;

but now

commandeth all

men every where

to repent ...

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth our Messiah Yahusha, and shalt believe in thine heart ... thou shalt be saved.

Be Baptized

ACTS 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahusha our Saviour for the remission of sins ...



Then What?

Is there another Crown?

Are there other Rewards?



WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CROWN AND/OR REWARD?

Yahuwa Wants ALL to Have Salvation

- Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Yahusha ha Mashiach, and shalt believe in thine heart ... thou shalt be saved.
- Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahusha shall be saved.
- I Tim 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of Yahusha our Saviour;
 - 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and ... [we'll finish the verse later]

Yahusha's Commission: "go and Baptize"

Matt 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, <u>baptizing them</u> ...
 [we'll finish verse 20 later]

Outward Testimony of Salvation

Mark 16:16 He that believeth <u>and is</u>
 <u>baptized shall be saved</u>; ...

QUESTION:

Would each person have the Crown of Life at <u>that</u> point?

WHAT HAPPENS WITH BAPTISM? WHAT HAPPENS AFTER BAPTISM?

Gift of Baptism

- Rom 5:10, 11, 9 (in this order) 10 For if,
 when we were enemies, we were reconciled
 to Yahuwa by the death of his Son, much more,
 being reconciled, we shall be saved by
 his life.
- II And not only so, but we also joy in Yahuwa through Yahusha our Messiah, by whom we have now received the atonement.
- 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, [at that moment of baptism] we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Follow-up After Baptism

- I Tim 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of Yahusha our Saviour;
 - 4 Who will have all men to be saved,
 - and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- Matt 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, <u>baptizing them</u> ...
 - 20 <u>Teaching them</u> <u>to observe</u> <u>all things</u> whatsoever I have commanded you ...

JOHN 3:36[a] Sums Up One Thought

(Comparing Several Scripture Versions – Part 1)

John 3:36 [1st Part - KJV]

 He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**:



John 3:36 [Ist Part – Other Versions]

- Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, NIV
- He who believes in the Son has <u>everlasting life</u>; NKIV
- The man believing to the Son has <u>life continual</u>; ANT
- He that believeth on the Son hath **eternal life**; ASV
- He who believes in the Son has **eternal life**; NAS
- And all who believe in Yahuwa's Son have eternal life. NLT
- He who believes in the Son has **eternal life**; RSV
- 8) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; TEV
- And all who trust him-Yahuwa's Son-to save them have eternal life; TLB
- 10) He who believes in the Son possesses everlasting life ... ISR

DOES JOHN 3:36[b] in the KJV Agree with

Several Other Scripture Versions? Let's examine Part 2 of John 3:36!

John 3:36

[2nd Part Problem - KJV]

believeth [obey?] not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Yahuwa abideth on him.

... and he that

This is true!
But, what do
other Bible Versions
have to say?

John 3:36 [2nd Part – Other Versions]

- 1) but whoever **REJECTS** the Son will not see life, for Yahuwa's wrath remains on him. NIV
- 2) he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahuwa abides on him. NKJV
- 3) The man but not BELEIVING the Son, not will see life ... ANT [Accurate New Testament]
- 4) But he that OBEYETH not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahuwa abideth on him. ASV
- 5) but he who does not OBEY the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahuwa abides on him. NAS
- 6) Those who don't OBEY the Son will never experience eternal life. NLT
- 7) he who does not OBEY the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahuwa rests upon him. RSV
- 8) Whoever **DISOBEYS** the Son will not have life, but will remain under Yahuwa's punishment. TEV
- 9) Those who **don't believe and OBEY** Him shall never see heaven, but the wrath of Yahuwa remains upon them. *TLB*
- 10) But he who does not OBEY the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him. ISR

SALVATION IS RECEIVED AT BAPTISM ... BUT IS SALVATION RETAINED?

John 3:36

[Ist Part - KJV]

He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**:

Here the KJV records

everlasting life for believing on the Son.

This is correct!

John 3:36

[2nd Part - KJV]

• ... and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Yahuwa abideth on him.

Here the KJV also records there is no everlasting life for not believing on the Son.

This is ALSO correct!

• **BUT**, the question is this: Once a person is given salvation, is their salvation secure on this earth, **IF** they do not choose to grow in Yahusha and follow ALL of His Torah instructions?

JOHN 3:36 should have this message in every single revision or translation!

"He who believes in the Son possesses <u>everlasting life</u>, but he who <u>does not OBEY</u> the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him." *ISR*

The first part of John 3:36 is the FIRST step of salvation.

What does this mean? Upon baptism one receives their "robe of righteousness."

However, the last part of John 3:36 does NOT mean permanent eternal salvation at this point of baptism.



If they choose to exchange that "robe" for their own filthy rags [by their disobedience], then at that point their eternal salvation comes into question!

THIS IS AN ENTRY LEVEL PRESENTATION BASED ON THE CORRECT MEANING OF JOHN 3:36

- This is a huge topic that will be based on the full & complete meaning of John 3:36 of what is to happen after the point of baptism. This is when one receives the Crown of Life for the first time. Therefore this study concentrates on the rewards that each can choose to attain in their walk thereafter.
- ✓ This study <u>could then be further expanded</u> around the "obedience component" <u>after</u> the decision of baptism.
- ✓ Consideration should be given to those that resist obedience. [This is not the topic of study for this presentation at this time.]

INTRODUCTION

- "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Yahusha; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor 5:10).
- Yahusha will sit at the "reviewing" stand. If, after being born again (John 3:3), we live a life of faithful service to Yahusha, a life rich in His good works through us, Yahusha will reward us at his judgment throne!
- At the judgment seat of Yahusha, we will be rewarded
 or our own works will burn as hay. Would there be a reward in such a case?



INTRODUCTION (Con't) IN ICOR 3

- 10 According to the grace of Yahuwa which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- II "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Yahusha our Messiah.
- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (1 Cor 3:10-12)



INTRODUCTION (Con't) IN ICOR 3

- "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it; because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (I Cor 3:13).
- "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor 3:15).

"If any man's work abide"
Paul said, "he shall receive
a reward" (1 Cor 3:14).



LET US LOOK AT SUCH "REWARDS" OR "CROWNS"



What is the Difference between SALVATION and REWARDS for BELIEVERS?

- THERE IS A <u>VAST DIFFERENCE</u> BETWEEN THE <u>DOCTRINE</u> OF <u>SALVATION</u>
 FOR THE LOST, AND THE <u>DOCTRINE</u> OF <u>REWARDS</u> FOR THE SAVED.
 - Salvation is free through the blood of Yahusha for everyone that accepts.
 - Salvation is received by faith in what Yahusha did on the tree.
 - "This is my blood...which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt 26:28).
 - Salvation is "the gift of Yahuwa." Salvation is never earned by our works. (Eph 2:8, 9)

- "... Yahusha died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3).
- When I believe that the blood Yahusha shed on the tree was the full payment for my sin, I have everlasting life [at that point in time] (John 3:36a).
- "Rewards" given to the saved are according to their outward works through the gifts that Yahusha has given them.

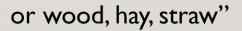
REWARDS ARE EARNED

- Rewards are according to the works of the believer (Matt 16:27).
- The Scripture verses from I Cor 3:8-15 give a most revealing insight into rewards:
- Rewarded For Labor. Every believer will be rewarded according to his own labor (vs 8).
 We do not labor for salvation.
- Yahuwa's fellow workers. "We are Yahuwa's fellow workers" (vs 9)
 not for salvation, but for rewards.

- 3) Build On YAHUSHA. The believer is to build on YAHUSHA the only foundation (vs 11).
- 4) <u>Choice of materials</u>. The believer has a choice of two main types of building materials:

"gold, silver, precious stone"

- eternal materials;



- temporal materials

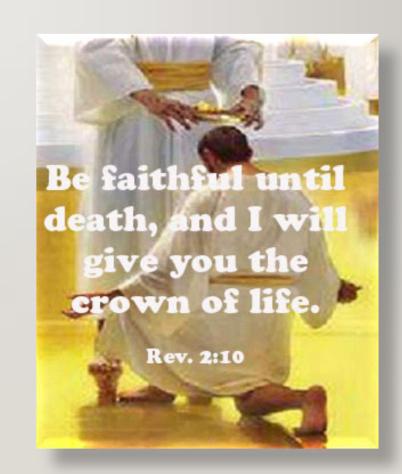
(I Cor 3:12 &

2 Cor 4:18).



RECEIVE A REWARD

- The believer who builds on YAHUSHA with eternal materials; "gold, silver, precious stones," will receive a reward (ICor 3:14).
- Those who build on YAHUSHA with temporal materials; "wood, hay, straw" will receive NO reward. Their works of "wood, hay and straw" will be destroyed at the "judgment seat of YAHUSHA" (2 Cor 5:10); that believer will suffer loss not the loss of salvation, but the loss of his crown or his reward (1 Cor 3:15).



ASHAMED AT HIS COMING



YAHUSHA has given every believer a job
to do. If we ignore His commands, we will be
very sad and frightened when we stand before
Him at the judgment! Note John's warning:
And now, little children, abide in
him; that, when he shall appear, we
may have confidence, and not be
ashamed before him at his coming.

1 John 2:28

The word "abide" means to be like a tree whose roots go deep so it can bear much fruit.

- We must be deeply rooted in YAHUSHA.
 as He is the "Roots" from the beginning (see John 15:5, 8).
- The word "ashamed" means "to shrink back in fear and lose face." Some believers will shrink back from YAHUSHA in shame at His coming because of their fruitless lives.
- They were fruitless because they were not "deeply rooted" in YAHUSHA. (See Col 2:7;
 Matt 13:3-10; 18-23).

SEVEN CROWNS BELIEVERS CAN RECEIVE FROM YAHUSHA I) The Crown of Life 2) The Imperishable Crown 3) The Crown of Rejoicing 4) The Crown of Righteousness 5) The Crown of Glory 6) The Overcomer's Crown 7) The Martyr's Crown



#I -THE CROWN OF LIFE

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that YAHUWA has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

This reward could be called the crown of those who love YAHUWA.

Do those who love YAHUWA use His blessings only for themselves, or pray only for their own prosperity and comfort, or demand that He solve all their problems? No—they show it by enduring trials for His sake.

Through their love for YAH, the believer finds strength to overcome temptation and persevere when trials come.



#I -THE CROWN OF LIFE

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- PAUL said, "We also glory in tribulations."
- Do we glory in tribulations?
- We can do so only if the "Love of YAH has been poured out in our hearts" by the "Ruach Ha Kodesh" (Rom 5:3-5).

 Without Love for YAH in the heart of the believer, trials can cause him to become bitter and critical; he may lose the "Crown of Life." (vs 12).



#I -THE CROWN OF LIFE

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Faithful unto death:

- All believers have eternal life (John 3:15,16), but not all believers will be rewarded with the crown of life. "This crown will be given to those who are faithful [as being obedient to ALL instructions & commands] until death" (Rev 2:10 & Rev 22:14).
- To receive the "crown of Life," the believer must love YAHUSHA more than his own life. "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it" (Matt 8:35).
- This reward will be given to those who live for YAHUSHA, pressing forward to endure temptations, in the power of the love of YAH (1 Cor 10:13).



#2-THE IMPERISHABLE CROWN

- Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?
 Run in such a way as to get the prize.
 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
- "Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly, I do not fight like a man beating the air."

- "No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (I Cor 9:24-27).
- Run To Win! The Runner's Crown
 is given to the believer who disciplines
 himself and keeps his body and bodily
 desires under strict control.
- Just as an athlete disciplines himself so that he can win the race, so we run the race that is set before us (Heb 12:1).



#2-THE IMPERISHABLE CROWN

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- Just as the athlete must deny himself many gratifications of the body, so the believer must "discipline his body and bring it into subjection" or he will "be disqualified" (1 Cor 9:27).
- He will not lose his salvation, but he will lose this reward. YAHUSHA has a special reward for the believer who struggles and battles to resist temptation. Here is how to win the "imperishable crown."

- I) Deny Yourself. The believer must deny himself anything that would weigh him down and hold him back (Heb 12:2).
- 2) Eyes On YAHUSHA. The believer must keep his eyes fixed on YAHUSHA, not looking to the right or to the left (Heb 12:2).
- 3) Strength In YAHUSHA. The believer must find his strength in YAHUSHA (Eph 6:10-18).



#2-THE IMPERISHABLE CROWN

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- 4) A living Sacrifice. The believer must give his body as a living sacrifice to YAHUSHA (Rom 12:1, 2).
- 5) Unencumbered. The believer must, by faith, refuse anything that would impede or hinder spiritual progress.
 (Heb 11:24-29).
 Do not be a spiritual spectator.
 Enter the race; run to win the "imperishable crown."



#3 -THE CROWN OF REJOICING

Given to Soul-Winners:

- What is our hope, our joy, our crown in which we will glory in the presence of our YAHUSHA when he comes?
 Is it not you (the Thessalonians, whom Paul's missionary work had won for YAHUSHA)? "Indeed, you are our glory and joy" (I Thess 2:19, 20).
- This crown is awarded to believers
 who persuade others to believe on
 YAHUSHA as their Master and Saviour.

- The "Crown of Rejoicing" (vs 19)
 is the soul winner's crown.
 The greatest work you are privileged to do for YAHUSHA is to bring others to a knowledge of YAHUSHA as Saviour.
- Much of your joy in heaven will be determined by the souls you have had a part in bringing to YAHUSHA.
- Paul tells the Thessalonian believers that they are his "glory and joy" "now and when YAHUSHA comes."

#3 - THE CROWN OF REJOICING (Continued)



Reasons for Winning Souls

- 1) It Is Wise. It is wise to win souls to YAHUSHA (Prov 11:30).
- 2) An Attack On Sin. It is an attack on sin to win souls to YAHUSHA (James 5:20).
- 3) A Cause For JOY. It is a cause of joy in Heaven to win souls to YAHUSHA (Luke 15:10).
- 4) Shine Forever. Soul-winners will shine as the stars forever (Dan 12:3).

How You Can Win Souls:

Live so that others may see YAHUSHA in you (2 Cor 3:2; Gal 2:20).

#3 - THE CROWN OF REJOICING (Continued)



Witness By Your Actions:

- I) Witness With Power. Trusting the Holy Spirit to give power to the spoken word (Acts 1:8).
- 2) Witness By Giving Tithes and Offerings. Your financial support will help others to preach the Word of YAHUSHA. In doing so, there is "fruit (a reward) that abounds to your account" (Phil 4:15-17; 2 Cor 9:6).
- YAHUWA has promised that your labor will not be in vain in YAHUSHA (ICor 15:58).
- All of Heaven will rejoice with him when he receives the "crown of rejoicing" (1 Thess 2:19).



#4-THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- "Watch yourself in all things, endure affliction, do the work of the evangelist, fulfill your service. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith: (vs 8) And now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which YAHUSHA, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that day: and not to me only, but to all Yisrael that also love His appearing" (2 Tim 4:5-8).
- The "crown of righteousness" (vs 8) is a reward. It is not to be confused with the "righteousness of YAHUWA" which the believer receives when he becomes a believer.
- We put our faith and trust in YAHUSHA, because "He had made Him to be the sin sacrifice for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of YAHUWA in Him" (2 Cor 5:21).



#4 – THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Continued)

 Righteousness is imputed to all those saved by grace through faith, but the "crown of righteousness" is a reward to be earned by the saved.

They Loved His Appearing

• The apostle looked ahead to the "Judgment seat of YAHUSHA" (2 Cor 5:10) where the "crown of righteousness" will be given to those who "have Loved his appearing" (2 Tim 4:8).

- If the believer looks for, and loves the second coming of YAHUSHA, it will affect his whole life. Look at the dynamic impact this truth had on the life of the Apostle Paul. He could say:
- I) Fight the Good Fight. "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7 and I Cor 15:32). He fought a spiritual battle throughout his believers life, and won. He never surrendered to the enemies of righteousness (Eph 6:12).



#4 – THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Continued)

They Loved His Appearing (con't)

- 2) Finished the Race. "I have finished the race!" (vs 7). He has the course to travel, and he did not detour the high places; neither did he look back (Luke 9:61, 62).
- He finished his course with his eyes fixed on YAHUSHA (Phil 1:6).

- 3) Kept the Faith.
 - "I have kept the faith."
- (vs 7) He preached the "Whole counsel of YAHUWA," never betraying any of the great biblical doctrines (Acts 20:24-31).



#4-THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Continued)

They Loved His Appearing (con't)

- Do you long for His appearing?
- Do you fulfill all the duties of your ministry and evangelize?
 If so, this crown is for you.
- How important it is for the believer to look with a heart of Love for the Second coming of our Saviour YAHUSHA, that he may receive the "crown of righteousness" (vs 8).



"Feed the flock of YAHUWA which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by compulsion, but willingly; not for greed, or dirty gain, but of a willing mind (1 Pet 5:2);

Vs 3 Neither as being masters over those trusted to you, but by being an example to the flock.

Vs 4 And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a Crown of Glory that fades not away."

The Faithful Shepherd's Crown - The "crown of glory" (vs 4) is a special reward for the Faithful and Obedient, that YAHUWA – called pastors. They will receive this reward when the Chief Shepherd appears." It is eternal, and it does not fade away" (vs 4).



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The Faithful Shepherd's Crown (Con't)

- Every believer may share in the pastor's "crown of glory." "He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward (Matt 10:41).
- Support the Faithful, YAHUWA called pastors, by praying for them and encouraging them in the work of YAHUSHA, giving tithes and offering, and giving freely of your time to YAHUWA'S service. YAHUWA will reward you for supporting His chosen servant by allowing you to share in your pastor's reward.



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The Faithful Shepherd's Crown (Con't)

The pastor will earn this "crown of glory" by:

- Proclaiming the Word: He is to proclaim the Word of YAH without fear or favor, and when necessary, to "convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim 4:1-5).
- 2) Taking Spiritual Oversight of the Assembly: A Leader is responsible to YAH for the message preached to his people.
 No Leader should preach to please the people, but to please YAH (Gal 1: 10).



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The Faithful Shepherd's Crown (Con't)

- 3) Being an Example to the Assembly: He is not to serve for the reward of money. However, the assembly is responsible to care for his material needs (I Tim 5:18). He is to be a spiritual Leader, and not a dictator. He is to walk with YAH by faith.
- "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away" (1 Pet 5:4).
 - Some who are called "pastor" and have been elected and paid to be the chief administrators of organized institutional assemblies will miss this crown because of failure and sin.



#6-THE OVERCOMER'S CROWN

- "See, I come quickly: hold fast to what you have, that no man takes your {keter}, or crown. Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of YAHUWA, and he shall go out no more ..." (Rev 3:11-12).
- The overcomer is promised a crown if he holds steadfast to that which has been given him by YAHUWA: It is possible to lose your overcomer's crown.
 That which should have been given to you is received by another.
- Jacob received that which belonged to Esau (Gen 25:33; 27:35, 36).
- Mattias received that which belonged to Judas (Acts 1:20, 26).



#7-THE MARTYR'S CROWN

- "Fear none of those things that you shall suffer; see s.a.tan shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days; be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev 2:10).
- Those who have the high honor of giving their life as a martyr receive this crown.
- A Martyr is one who is "... slain for the word of YAHUWA, and for the testimony which they held" (Rev 6:9).

- <u>Stephen</u> was the first believer in Yahusha (in the New Testament) to receive this crown (Acts 7:54-60).
- Stephen means: NT:4735 stephanos (stef'-an-os); from an apparently primary stepho (to twine or wreathe); a chaplet (as a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally; but more conspicuous and elaborate than the simple fillet, NT:1238), literally or figuratively: KJV crown.

Each faithful servant will receive a special crown and/or reward according to how they manage their spiritual gifts.

the crown summary

YAHUSHA HAS MANY CROWNS TO CHOOSE FROM!



1) Crown of Life



4) Crown of Righteousness



2) Imperishable Crown



5) Crown of Glory



3) Crown of Rejoicing



6) Overcomer's Crown



7) Martyr's Crown

Is it possible to lose that crown, or special reward?





The Messages of the Seven Churches

1) Ephesus: The Loveless Church

2) Smyrna: The Persecuted Church

3) Pergamos: The Compromising Church

4) Thyatira: The Corrupt Church

5) Sardis: The Dead Church

6) Philadelphia: The Faithful Church of Brotherly Love

7) Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

Only two churches retained their crown and reward.





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