

The Crowns in Corinthians – 10 “The Crown of Promise”

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Let’s open our bibles to First Corinthians Chapter Ten, and what a delight we have this evening; what a delight we have all the time in the things of God. But tonight, in this study on The Crowns in Corinthians, in chapter ten we have the crown of promise. The crown of promise, and let’s go ahead and read the very first five verses of chapter ten of First Corinthians. Paul says, Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all; notice that, all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. And did all eat the same spiritual meat. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: you see that? That Rock follows you because it loves you that followed them, and that Rock was Who? Was Christ even way back then, praise God, it’s always been Jesus. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness, okay? This is all about God’s promise to you, and what the Lord is saying here is believe it. 01:49

Don’t miss it, it’s following you, and did you notice? All, and all, and all, and all, it was there for all. Live in Canaan now; live in Canaan now. See, even though we’re not physically there, be there. You be there and how as sister just said by faith. In faith, and in faith you live it now. We have an encouragement that says it doth not yet appear; it doth yet not appear. Be those that know, even though it yet doth not appear, be those that know. What do they know? Well, they know that when they see the Bridegroom, when they see your spouse, you’ll be like the spouse. Even though it yet doth not appear what we know. I shall meet Him in the air; we just sang that. That’s confidence in the promise of God that’s following You, that’s confidence in the promise of God that testified everything to you.; They all, they all. They all, they all, they all. It was very apparent the Lord wanted them all to go in Canaan; every one of them. It was there for every one of them, it was for them, and what kept them out is unbelief. It’s just unbelief; it couldn’t be, it can’t be, it can’t be that easy. It can’t be that easy to just walk over here so many feet, cross that little river and go and go in there; it can’t be that easy. 03:55

It's even easier than that. God already said it’s yours, See, that’s how easy it is to them that believe like Caleb, and Joshua; they just believed, amen? That’s just exactly what happened, just believed. See, our promise is Jesus Christ our Bridegroom. Our promise praise God, I shall meet Him in the air. Our promise is when I see Him, I shall be like Him. Well, like Him do I know what is that calling? Jesus is my Bridegroom. So, as Caleb lived in faith living in Canaan now, we live that believe our promise, we live married to the Bridegroom now. That’s why she occupies in the word of God the wife hath made herself ready. Thank You Lord. We heard this many times, what you enjoy here by faith is what you’ll enjoy there by faith, amen? If you receive salvation here, and that’s what

you received and no more, you'll receive that salvation over there. You'll be one of the innumerable multitude, palm in hand crying salvation to our God. 05:19

The Lord gives you the complete vision exactly praise the Lord where you'll be, and you'll be thankful, you'll be joyous beyond what I could even describe, but that's just the beginning, and we know we have a better promise. We have a better thing. We know praise God that we have the wonderful Church Age that we're in that the Lord had more for us, and it's not me speaking this, it's just me speaking the truth of the word of God. We know the plan of God to bring forth the Holy Ghost that had been with them and shall be in you and there at Pentecost in the Holy Ghost and He came so you could be guided into all truth. Perfect order: salvation, the infilling of the Holy Spirit to be led into all truth, and then here came the Apostle Paul. Here he came praise God. Ask Saul, the chiefest sinner, God's showing that He would take the worst, and the worst, and the worst and I'm going to show you that My grace is sufficient. So, he gave the message of mystery of Christ in the church, he gave the message of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus to the saints, the ones that believed. Read Colossians and Ephesians and it tells you that that was the much the more for them. But now praise God we could be filled with all the fullness of God that we could preach this truth in love gospel; this gospel full of Paul says which is the only gospel which is truth in love, and we could grow up into Christ Jesus in all things. To the measure, the stature, the fullness of Him unto a perfect man. Complete ready to be offered as the wife of the Lamb of God. So, that's our all; that's our all.

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Like all of them had; all of them went over, all were baptized in Moses, all ate the same spiritual meat, all drank the same, this is what our all is and it has followed us, it has pursued us because it wants it for us. Here's the statement of Caleb in Numbers 13:30. This is how he felt about this promise, still in the wilderness, and not yet in Canaan. Matter of fact this is how he felt about it when he was still in Egypt before he even had that miracle to take them out. And it says in verse thirty, and Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. How that translates, let us go up now and possess it for we will prevail. Well, that bothered everybody else; it did, they all heard it, they all witnessed the miracles of God and all of that, but they didn't love it. They didn't believe that the Lord truly in that promise to them loved them so much that He would back it up. It was just words to them; it's all it was. Well, we're marching out here and we're part of it, but they never believed it. They didn't, they murmured, they complained; they never took hold. 09:12

Joshua and Caleb were not perfect men, don't ever think that they were because they weren't. Jesus was it, but they had perfect faith. They did, they had perfect faith and that faith gave them abounding hope, it gave them a full joy. It gave them a first love only attitude for their promise. They were homed in; it was just like speaking about Brother Steve Small and getting over there to those salmon. That's all they're going to do; they're only on one course; they're going to go up there and spawn. It doesn't matter; they just came out of there with a little tiny egg. Eight years later they know exactly where to go,

they know exactly what they're going to do because God put it in them. And here you sit today, don't you think that you develop because God put it in you; yes, He did, and He said I am the author and finisher of what I put in you. and I'm faithful to finish what I put in you the good work which I will perform. And the beautiful thing is the evidence is you have the faith to believe that. 10:26

You're not like the others that were there in the wilderness that all went through it that heard it, but you know what? They never believed it. You know, you can hear something for years, and years, and years but you really never believe it? You can know it, you can recite it, you can talk about it, you can really get people excited about what you know about it, but you never believed it. There are a whole slew of them in here. First love brothers and sisters for the promise; first love for the promise. It supersedes everything else. It supersedes your character, it supersedes your flaws, it supersedes your strength, it supersedes all your talents, it supersedes your family; it supersedes everything, and that was the perfect, perfect that pleased God. They believed God's promise over everything. Joshua and Caleb believed God in their promise there wasn't any unbelief. Their thought process was that God gave it to me, He will keep it, He will perform it all and it's mine right now. It's mine now, not someday, it's mine now. And you think that is what the Lord does for you when He says hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thou crown; that no one takes your crown. You have it all right now. There's no more to have, you have it all. Now you can grow in the having it all that you have, and what you grow in is you grow in appreciation and thankfulness in the love of it. You grow in the knowledge of His grace, amen? 12:16

But you still have that, and you grow in it, and we talk about it. it's like even the natural marriage. In a natural marriage you're in such love at the moment you get married it's amazing and incredible, but if that love and that marriage doesn't grow from the moment you actually said I do, you've got a problem, you got a big problem. It'd better grow or it's going to go. If He did that in our natural marriages, how much more so with our spiritual. See, that faith in God's love to them is everything, and that faith as you go through this, what the Lord really makes it known to these, and when it says many, it says with many of them in verse five God was not well pleased. That word many, it means most all; the majority of them. Matter of fact, we're down to two of millions that went in. What kept Joshua and Caleb was that love, and the love of God for them, and the love for that promise. And what it kept them from was the love of idols. It kept them from spiritual firnification. You see, you always want to look on the surface of everything in all of these different things. The Lord took all of that for us. Let me just will and do of His good pleasure. It's amazing what He can do in your life. Keep you from, change your heart about that's true. 13:59

But we're talking about winning God's best, and this is about spiritual fornication, and that was the problem with the millions in the wilderness, because they had spiritual fornication, and what that was, they were not a chaste virgin to the promise. And that chaste virgin to the promise didn't come by their action, it didn't come by them trying to

be good people, it was I love this promise, I love Canaan with all my heart, soul, and might. Let's go in now, we're well able to take it. Now really again, all of them saw it, all of them passed through it, all of the were baptized, all of them ate the same spiritual meat, but the majority except for two were overthrown. They quit, they feared, they ignored, they complained; they missed it because they did not cherish it. I mentioned it earlier; they went through motions as opposed to living more thankfulness and appreciation for the mercy of God that chose them for it. 15:08

Now we could stay on this for a long, long time, but we got to get to more glory. And the beautiful thing about what we have here is we start out with, this crown is promised to you; believe it, take it, and enjoy it now. I'm living in Canaan now, and here what He's going to show us in verse thirteen is there's no excuse. He assures us this, and he proves that the crown is yours if you'll believe. I want you to listen to these verses that we know, but I want you to listen to these as the assurance of anything you'll ever face, God has already made the way of escape for us. You are a full overcomer in Christ because He has already made the way of escape for you. Let's read verse thirteen right there. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. Even though you think it is so beyond to you, and it's so just awful to you it's just common; it's just flesh. It's just flesh, alright? But God *is* faithful, and that's everything. Who will not; see, He'll do this, suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able. So. He's already told you no matter what has ever tempted you in your life, it is not above what you are able. 16:54

You got a problem with it? Argue it up with God; well, it's too much for me. Who's lying? Did God lie, or are you not seeing it right? We're here to believe God, pray for me because it better be real, and you know one thing? He's faithful enough, He'll make it real. There hath no temptation taken you; not us, but you. See how personal this is, but such that is common to man, alright? Nothing gets by this is just common stuff. But God is faithful Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it. Isn't that glorious? Now, as we started here, and we read this; this assurance to us about our promise, and the guarantee no matter what you face, or are ever tempted with, and matter of fact not tempted with; taken into temptation. Did you notice that? There hath no temptation taken you. We're going to talk about that in just a minute; He's got you; He's faithful to you. This is the full overcomer assurance that He's provided for you. This is all, all the things of your life are ordered, and His grace is already sufficient, and He assures us that nothing is too hard in Christ. 18:44

So, what He's telling us is that there's no failure, there's no trial, there's no test, there's no anything because God is faithful, and God has made the way of escape for everything. He's already made the way of escape. So, He knows what the temptation is that's taken you because He ordered it. You are ordered of the Lord. All things work together for good to them that love God. He could do that on the fly, but He didn't, He did it in ages past because He's God and He knows. He's not wondering what's going to happen; He knows what's going to happen. So, He's ordered this, He assures us that

nothing is too hard, and He's made the way of escape for everything we ever face, and more importantly than that what He's telling us, and notice the wording, every temptation of your life. That's a tough word, and it gets real deep here; it's the temptation that has taken you. Okay, let's understand what the word taken means, it means it's laid hold of you, it sees you, and it has literally taken you away. Yes, you can be very quiet, look across the room, I just say thank You, thank You, thank You. 20:26

He's talking about temptations that got you; temptations that got you. Hallelujah, the escape was already waiting; it's already there; it's already there so you won. You won, it's already decided, you won. So, here's that, and this is waiting; I won because I believe this. That faith that He gave me wins, faith wins. As thou hast believed, so be it done unto you. So, no matter what temptation has taken you I believe, I believe, I believe Lord you've made the escape for it. So, I take what He's given, huh? I believe that would be the find that I'm more than a conquer through Christ who loved me, and it's interesting we love Who loved me, and it's interesting, we love to encourage one another about that when we're talking about everything, and when we're talking about temptations. Some brethren don't want to have that excitement for me that I take the grace of God and say well I'm more than a conqueror through Christ Who loves me, but I don't have time enough to say too bad. I'm just going, I'm learning; I don't have that kind of time. He loves you, and He delivered you from all things. Yes, He has and we do thank Him, it's already there, every trial that could ever be, full overcomer guaranteed out of everything, the escape is done; the readied wife knows this and she believed it. 22:28

See, now you're back to Caleb standing there. What are we doing, what are you people doing? I don't care what it looks like, I don't care if there's giants in the land I don't care, I just don't even care. The one thing I do care about is God said it's mine. So, the one thing I do care about you can tell me and throw rocks at me, you can criticize my life, you can tell me how bad I am. I saw him do this, I know he's like that, and he said this and all of this, I come back and I say but I know that I hold a crown fast that He's given me. So, I'm in that same state of faith as I am with Caleb and his promise, it didn't matter what everybody said. it doesn't matter what everybody saw, it didn't even matter what my reality was because they were seeing the same things; yeah, they're there, they're there okay? Just like someone painting a picture of your life. You're that bad, you've ad this kind of messed up life. You've had this, you've done this and all of this. Yeah, that are all the giants that are out there, but I have this. But I have this, so who got in? The guy that said it's mine. Now, I'm telling you most people that even know the bridal truth that hear, they don't like that, and It's sad because it's by faith. 24:01

You should be thankful to God for that, that will change your life, that will change what we're going to go to next because you don't live in a caviler mean spirit in this when you know the mercy of the Lord. You're gentle, you're tender, and you do pray about things in your life, and you don't just go with it. No, that's now how it works, we have a battle, but it's the battle of the Lord, and what my testimony needs to be to my brother, and my brother and my sister needs to be to me is we believe God. So, in the full

assurance that nothing can take the crown because we believe by grace, that that grace will do it, God's given us that faith. And yet in that great faith that He gives you, you know what happened? You also have love that reigns over your life to care for your brother.

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So, let's read again what pops out in this chapter that we've read two times before in our Corinthian study, and one time in Galatians the same exact thing as we go to verse to verse twenty-three and twenty-four. Paul says, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient. Everything is lawful to me and why? Because I can go back to verse thirteen because He said whatever temptation I ever am taken by, I'm delivered. Even if my heart condemns me God is greater than my heart. He's pursued me for this, okay? He's pursuing the other others for it, but you know what, I'm still here; by the grace of God, I'm still here. You're still here, you believe. You have a Caleb heart, you have a Joshua heart, thank the Lord for it, He gave you that heart. You can't claim, but that's something you manufactured, He gave you your heart. You see, those that have that know that. We couldn't claim a thing. We know it has to be all Jesus. I don't like to get too involved in my decisions; I believe the will of God is greater.

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All things are lawful. You'd better know that first, or you can't say the next one because you can never really be spiritually encouraging to anybody unless you know you're free indeed, because I can't ever encourage you if I don't encourage you in the grace of God that's with you. All things are lawful for you saints, you can do whatever you want; you could, but you don't want to. You don't want too because you love your brother. You love the Lord, and the Lord in you loves one another. So, we get to the next part, which is all things are lawful, but all things aren't spiritually encouraging. Once again, all things are lawful; better know it, but everything's not edifying, right? I mean amen, and I thank the Lord that we know that. Anybody would just say well all things are lawful, and I can do whatever I want, and I get that, and I really don't care about you. There's no love in that, there just isn't. But then there's no love in the ones that'll try to bend, or twist, or whatever that all things are lawful.

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Where there is no law there is no sin; He took it all. No matter how hard I could try I cannot sin, I cannot commit sin because I have the life of Christ in me. I'm talking about the true life of Jesse. So that's why all things are lawful for me. In Christ they are. Stop trying to bend it, it's just what it is. I'm justified, you're justified; you've been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, you're fully righteous, you're whiter than the snow; always will be. Always will be, it's done. That's what the new birth is, a whole line, it's a sinless line, It's a non-sinning line, it can't because it's the life of Christ, okay? And the beautiful thing is that you know that you love that, you cherish that, the Lord grows you up in that, and then in that love and that liberty, and all those things you want everybody to grow up in it as well too. So, I have brethren that are growing up in it. Well, I don't want to live belligerently in such an ugly manner that they wouldn't want to be encouraged, amen?

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And then he says in verse twenty-four, see, let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*. See, when you really love somebody, see, you want them to be wealthy. You want them to win; you want them to be increased. I think you know, the Lord even gives us this as parents. We talk about it many times; you want your kids to excel you. There are parents that always want their kids under them all the time, even when they are older and everything. That's kind of sad; you want your kids to fly, you want them to grow, you want them to excel in even the things you experience. Why do you think Jesus is do excited when He said greater things you shall do that I do? Because He loves you. A lot of things to think about aren't there? He just loved you. 30:19

So, this is important how many times the word verbatim comes back and says over and over to us, tenderness for our brethren is vital saints, and I thank the Lord. I think the Lord is increasing tenderness in this place, and don't flatline, and don't pat yourself on the back; just keep going, it's a glorious thing. Love directs your life. You know, and I say this very sincerely, Jesus, just continue to help us, and Lord, let the love of Jesus constrain us, and constrain us in lowliness and meekness to encourage one another to get over unbelief. You can't force someone to get over their unbelief; you need to love them. You need to give them the truth. You know, it's just like when somebody testifies to somebody about getting saved, you don't scare somebody into getting saved. You know, yeah, you're going to hell or you're; that's what you do, hear a lot. I love how Jesus came to ones, I love how Phillip talking to the eunuch in this chariot he didn't say yeah, you're going to go to hell and all, no he just give him the scriptures. He told him how beautiful it is what salvations all about. To a point where the man wanted it more than anything, oh, I want to get baptized, I want, I want that. Well, let's believe. I believe with all my heart. Let's go. Let's go get baptized. And people about being filled with the Holy Ghost I'm so thankful when anybody tarries to receive the Holy Ghosty' you want them to be filled, amen, but be patient. Don't ever act discouraged. You never wasted your time when you're worshipping the Lord. 32:04

it's the greatest time you ever have. So, be thankful, don't look down upon people, you want to always encourage them because what always happen sometimes when things when things aren't necessarily fulfilled real quick in our lives, the Lord will allow the enemy to attack to come in to say, well it doesn't happen; you know, the words the word, the word's the word, and I've seen it in a lot of different ways. I've seen those charlatans of the truth; yeah, I'm talking ones that are saved. They'll try to sell you things, twist things to make you feel better to get you to follow them. My father-in-law who's passed, I remember there was a time he was trying to be filled; it took a long, long time. Some woman came to their house and said oh, you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you just haven't got your prayer language yet. That's a lie; that's devilish, that's demonic because that can defeat somebody from receiving the Holy Ghost. You need the evidence of tongues, and that's the evidence that you're filled. It doesn't come any other way; that's the truth. And we thank the Lord, we stand in that, but we stand in love in that. And so it's wonderful to give the truth, I don't think it's a good place to argue the truth with somebody. Somebody wants to have an argument with you, grow above that, you don't want to waste

your time. I used to argue at times, and thank God I grew up in that, There's no reason to; this is too pure and the Lord's the one that's got to open the heart anyways so let's trust Him for this. 33:49

But like I say brothers and sisters, Jesus help us to be patient with an unbelieving brother. But I'm talking about in sincerity. You understand, I've been belittled in the truth before growing up here you know with the spiritual mentors in their own mind. I want to be around fathers; I want to be fathers, and fathers can be women and men that have that spiritual heart to be gentle and encourage me in the truth. That's what we want to be with another, so God help us in that. So, we rejoice in our liberty, we rejoice in the great grace that has given us everything freely. We rejoice that we are brand new, we are an assembly that cannot sin line that even that liberty is still constrained in the love of Christ not to provoke or hurt one another. We're growing up, it's a lovely thing, isn't it? I see such wonderful parents at times that are so patient with their children and calm, and you can see the child responding to them as opposed to getting angry, and mad, and yelling at the child. Sometimes, I can see a parent get so sweet knowing how to avert attention from something that could harm them. You know, it's just like you know a child picks up a knife and they're across the room, you don't go NO, NO, and then they're going to start running with it or swinging it around. 35:33

You want to divert the attention to not hurt themselves, and so I thank God. God help us to have us have that kind of a heart. So again, Jesus states this many times, and I believe brothers and sisters He's reminding His wife I love you because you're fruitful. I love you because of the gentleness, so continue to love. And notice this as we conclude tonight verse thirty-one. What's it all about? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink; whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God. See, it's all about glory for Him, it's all about glory to Him, and as He promised us to those that believe, the glory that shall be revealed in us. I love to just end with that, the glory that shall be revealed in us for Him. Alright glorious living ones in Rev 4:9, and when those four living ones, the beasts give glory. See, they give glory, they give honor, they give thanks to Him that sat on the throne Who liveth forever and ever. 36:42

Oh my, all the Old Testament worthies of faith, all these ones that were so thankful; Caleb, Joshua, and David, Samuel, what did happen? They fall down before Him that sat on the throne, they worship Him that liveth forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne; Thou art worthy O Lord to receive glory, and honor, and power. Who just gave it to Him.? We did. I know what I'm going to give Him because He told me the glory that shall be revealed in me, He already gave it unto me, and I'm going to give it to Him. For Thou hast created all things. You really believe He created all things? You think He created you in those all things. huh? And why did He create them? For Thy pleasure they are, they are, they are, and they were created. I believe this, I believe you do too. I'm thankful to the Lord, it takes it all away. Praise You Jesus, let's stand and be dismissed. 38:11