

The Crowns In Corinthians – 11 “The Crown of Authority”

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Bible Text: [1 Corinthians 11:1](#); [Acts 13:1-2](#) ...

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Let’s open our bibles up to First Corinthians Chapter Eleven in The Crowns in Corinthians. What a glorious moment we come to in the word of God here in the eleventh chapter. You come to one of the most powerful statements you’ll ever read in all of scripture, and it’s right there in verse one. Brother Paul says it, but we know that it’s spoken of the Holy Ghost. He may have written it, but we know that that hand was written through by the Holy Ghost. Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ. No one in the word of God writes with this authority; there isn’t. This is all powerful, and we’re thankful, and tonight we’ll take a little dive into and thank You Jesus. Scriptures we know, but we rejoice in because of what clarity the Holy Ghost gives us in our hearts that this is simple. The Lord is very direct, the word is true and thank You Lord that You’ve given us an ear to hear what the Spirit sayeth. And we know that that is the Holy Ghost, and we know that in this time that we live this is the very power of His might. This is the Spirit of truth, and we thank God that all power is given through the authority of the Holy Ghost. 01:46

Jesus said that He would send the Holy Ghost to lead us into all truth. Jesus said to those disciples ye shall have power after you’re filled with the Holy Ghost; this is the power, and it’s the power, the resurrection power. And in this power, the Holy Ghost gave this authority to Paul. So. let’s go on back to Acts Thirteen, the Holy Ghost gave this authority to Paul, and we begin reading in Acts Chapter Thirteen Verse One. It says there, now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. Praise the Lord, and we see that, that the Holy Ghost, that power separated them out, and those two were separated out from the others at that time. 03:20

Then turn over to chapter fifteen of Acts, and let’s begin reading because this separation goes on for the Apostle Paul from verse thirty-six. And it says, and some days after Paul said unto Barnabas; remember they were separated out by the Holy Ghost, let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. Barnabas determined to take with them John whose surname was Mark, but Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark and sailed unto Cyprus. So, we see there that there was this departing asunder. 04:21

Now, This is the word of the Lord, and let me tell you something, this is the work of Lord that was going on here., and we're going to see in these next few verses that follow, yes the Lord separated Paul out even further, and the Lord does this in our lives brothers and sisters because this is what He does. This is what He does with His chosen vessels, don't think your life strange in this. You think that you've been separated thus far, you haven't seen anything yet as we'll continue to again, a vessel only for the Master's use truly is that. And we thank the Lord that He gives us though in that wonderful prisoner of Jesus Christ, we still fellowship one with the other prisoners in that wonder realm that we have. But I want you to think about this, so here the Lord separates Paul out and let's read verse forty and see what happens. And Paul chose Silas; oh my, and he departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God; isn't that glorious? So, even the more grace, and he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches. Isn't that something? How beautiful that is. 05:42

Then came he, let's go on to sixteen to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there named Timotheus. So, here he went on from that separation there's Silas; there's more of the grace of God. Here's Timothy, praise his name, and then look what happens in verse five, and so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. Alright? I guess it was true what was said back in Acts Chapter Nine, verse fifteen. Even God is determined, and God has called and chosen who He chooses, and here's what the Lord said to Ananias in verse fifteen about Paul. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for Paul is a chosen vessel unto me. Period: that's done, and thank You Lord, we see what the Lord did with him. Followers of me, be ye followers of Me. 06:56

Now, we see that word if you look that up, yes, it says imitator, but it's far more than an imitator. This isn't something we try to fabricate, mark, or to copy. It actually is from two words. It means formed and patterned after the original. That's not imitating; formed and patterned after the original. Well, the original the Apostle Paul told us how he was formed and patterned.; I am what I am by the grace of God. So there is your pattern, there is your form; it's the grace of God that is with you, and I thank the Lord that we know that it is that precious grace brothers and sisters that does everything. It forms and patterns us after the original. That's why Paul says ye are partakers of my grace. This was the disgrace brothers and sisters that brought the mystery and the faith for the mystery, not the just the knowledge, but the faith for the mystery of the bride and the Lamb of God. That is that precious grace that formed and patterned that original grace in you which was the same grace that Paul said to the Philippians, you are partakers of my grace. 08:26

That's quite a statement; my grace? You're telling me Paul; I'm a partaker of your grace? Well praise the Lord, you grow up in it, then you tell the Apostle Paul well praise the Lord Paul, you're a partaker of my grace. That doesn't try to equate myself with Paul or anything in that matter, but let me tell you something, we're nothing. Paul's nothing, I'm noting without the grace of God. Thank You Lord, and Paul was the one that came

forward and said what are you doing comparing yourselves amongst yourselves to say I'm of Paul, I'm of Cephas, I'm of this, I'm of that? No, we're of Christ and I thank the Lord that we know this. But I'll tell you what, Paul; was a chosen vessel to give, and to bring forth what we have, and we enjoy today in those partakers of that grace. And I thank God as Paul said it's because I was the chief of sinners. 09:29

You really think about your life. Yes, we were all born in sin and shapen in inequity, but this was the one that was the chief of all the pharisees. You have to think about how wicked Paul was. He was after something that was the most despicable thing to God there was; the perfection of self-righteousness, not just self-righteousness, but he was after the perfection of self-righteousness. He was consumed like no other. As he said his keeping the law, none of you could even touch that. But because that's what I pursued I am the chief, I am the lowest, I am the most despicable of any sinner that's ever been. I think we should really pray Lord only being found having Your righteousness, amen? How could we want to attach ourselves in any way, shape, or form to the righteousness of self-righteousness which is of the law. How could we ever look to that as of any benchmark in our life? God help us, we thank the Lord, He fulfilled it. So, let's go on in this authority given to Paul. 10:47

Turn with me to First Corinthians Chapter Three, verse ten, and we were here just a few weeks ago. But think of this authority, and these are just some of the verses that we see, and this why, thank the Lord you're in a place, our foundation is in Paul's epistles. Because from the foundation of Paul's epistles by the Holy Ghost you will see and understand the mystery that's written all of the scriptures of the Old Testament. It'll open up, you'll never understand Revelation until you understand Paul's epistles, until as Paul said follow me as I follow Christ. So, you go to First Corinthians three, verse ten think of what he says here. Paul again, according to the grace of God which is given unto me as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds there upon, but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. And he tells you how he builds, and he tells you how it's built upon; the grace of God which is given unto me. And we know as Paul said, I commend you to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified; all of them that are set apart, all of them that are called and chosen for this. 12:05

So, we thank God don't we that we see this? Romans 2:16, let's go on. In Romans 2:16 Paul says in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, the very hearts of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. See, and I thank the Lord that we know that this is this day that we're in right now that this is the judging that is for reward. It's so glorious brothers and sisters, we're in that beautiful; know this in such delight for your own life. See the layers that are in this and thank the Lord. you're not being judged of sin, you're sinless, praise God; you're the new line that cannot sin, hallelujah. And we thank the Lord what the judgment is for right now is just how much will you take; how much will you believe? You're an heir of God, let's be a joint heir with Jesus Christ and go on by the grace of God to suffer together with Him. 13:02

So, we see that so clearly, then turn on over to Philippians Chapter Three, verse seventeen. On and on in this precious encouragement Paul says it again in Philippians 3:17. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk as ye have us for an example. So now we're getting even that if you will the lineage of following Paul as He followed Christ. You mark them, you're thankful. You don't mark them as a man or a woman; you mark them in faith and love. You mark them praise God as we said how they were formed and patterned after the original; I am what I am by the grace of God. That's how you know a life truly follows Paul as he followed Christ because Paul was all grace; all grace. There was nothing else but the righteousness of God by Christ Jesus; that was it, that was it. There was nothing of self-righteousness at all that would ever be attached to that. There was no leaven that would be in that, because a little leaven would leaven the whole lump. So that couldn't be a follower of Paul because Paul's form and pattern original is all grace of God. 14:29

Now, Paul's authority goes on, let's go over to Second Corinthians Chapter Ten, verse eight. Thinking of this authority, and again this isn't to worship or praise Paul, he told you very clearly I'm the worst; I'm the worst of all, I'm the less of the least that this grace is given to me, but this is God, this is who He chose, and aren't you thankful brothers and sisters? Just get in tune with God. See, and you can do this, you have to have a pastor that you just love so much, but don't put him on a pedestal; you understand that; you understand that. You love them in the truth, and you love the truth, that's what you love, and you might appreciate the person as a person, whatever it is. But if you had somebody you didn't care for as much, but they've given you truly the truth in love gospel, what is that worth to you? and so let's just be praying and be thankful, remember, what God is set up, trust God for it. Honor God in whatever place someone has in the body of Christ. As I tell you, and I will tell you, and I will tell you, we have one great Shephard: that's it, it's Jesus. We have one head, it's Jesus, alright? 15:50

I know people say well, you're an under-shepherd brother. No, I'm a sheep. I am a sheep and I'm thankful that I am part of this little flock, and it's glorious and He feeds us, and it's beautiful because the joints of His body, they supply one another, and as we again come to fellowship this body edifies itself in love. That's what the rib portion does, that's what it is, and every joint is just as needful. How many times have we seen and illustrated the human body? You want it all, you may not like it but let me tell you something, you don't want to be missing it; it all works together. But in Second Corinthians 10:8 it's so beautiful because here it says it again. For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority which the Lord hath given us for edification, for spiritual encouragement, and not for your destruction. I should not be ashamed. So, see, there was a little bit on contention about Paul; you could kind of read through this. You know Paul said some things to them that maybe rubbed them wrong; maybe they didn't like the way he preached, and it said he was a long preacher; he preached a long time. They said let's get the other guy, we can go to lunch earlier or whatever it was. But Paul was given to them, and he was chosen and was given that authority amen, and it was for their edification. 17:28

So, I'm thankful he always pointed to the Lord. And I thank God because He was given such authority if you really think about Paul, he was the ordained minister for marriage. You know, in some states you have to be ordained to marry people. Some states, not many anymore, but that's how it used to be; you had to be ordained to marry someone. Well, ordained is that again chosen. There's a special gift, permission, whatever you want to say with that, and Paul in the greatest and spiritual sense was ordained for marriages, and he really was, and we're right here in Second Corinthians to read about it and so let's go to verse two of this eleventh chapter. And here is the one that was chosen and had authority for marriage. And Paul said I am jealous over you with godly jealousy, for I have espoused you. Isn't that something? That's of faith. I have married you. I have married you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin waiting for your husband Jesus Christ. have espoused you. I think that's just boom. He's not messing around with the authority that was given to him of the Holy Ghost, he knew what he was given and he believed the Lord for that. And oh my what we partake in such joint thanksgiving to what praise the Lord what Paul was given for us, and through Colossians, and Ephesians. You know it was that mystery that was given to him for us. It tells us very clearly.

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We could go on and on with this, so this is his authority, and I thank the Lord as we just read, I have espoused you, I have married you; that's a done thing through Paul's gospel if you really believe it, it's the truth saints, just read the word of God. Read what it says, it's pretty clear. So, in that Paul's authority is marriage now. Paul's authority is wedlock now; it's a readied wife right now through his gospel for Jesus Christ. If you really take his gospel, it's a gospel that espouses you, his gospel. I have espoused you; I have married you to one husband. It didn't say I engaged you to something, he says I married you to one husband; my gospel does it if you'll believe it and really take it this is what it does. And then praise God, as a wife that is ready and spouses know this, you suffer together.

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Now. let's go on back to our text tonight in first Corinthians in chapter eleven and let's read verse seven because we go on in deeper type and shadow of this union and what the Lord is speaking of here in this depth in chapter eleven, here but go to verse seven of chapter eleven of First Corinthians for it says there for a man indeed ought not to cover his head for as much as he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of man. How beautiful is that? Isn't that something? See we are His glory, that's why in Revelation, Chapter Four, the four living ones, they're there and they give Him glory. That's what the wife gives to her husband, she gives him glory because she is his glory. That's the glory that shall be revealed in us, and this is wonderful that we have this encouragement, and right here again in these types and shadows, and metaphors that are woven through the scripture, it's beautiful, but it can only be seen with enlightened eyes of understanding that we can see the depth, and the meaning to have it perceived in our hearts, and we embrace it by the grace of God.

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Now, let's keep reading on to the glory of verse eight. For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. Isn't that wonderful how that is told to us? The woman is of the man. Now, we know this because this brings us right back to the garden and we thank the Lord for this because there was Adam, and we know that that woman came out was made out of man. And that rib was taken out, and there we have this beautiful again encouragement to us, this is the rib portion praise God that is being drawn out for Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord that we are in Christ; we are of Him. Think about how John goes on to say that we are of Him, we are born of Him, we are born of God and how glorious that is. But we are the rib portion drawn out of the body of Christ soon to be presented by Himself to Himself as the wife for the Lamb of God. It's just a joy unspeakable, isn't it? 22:57

But it even gets better, let's read verse nine. Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman, praise the Lord for the man. Is that everything to you? You were made for Him, and He made you for Him and I thank the Lord. See, this is Psalm One thirty-nine. This is the depth of the study that the Lord brought through us, and into us. You know, I thank God that you know, every detail; every detail before the foundation of the world of what we would be for Him was all there. And I just rejoice and I thank the Lord again, the woman was made for the man. We were made for Him in every detail, foreknown, predestinated to be His glory; it's just mighty. It's beyond a purpose, it's beyond meaning. It's just God, and it's His great love. 24:12

Now, what's interesting is we have this glory, and the Lord tells us okay, now I'm going to tell you're the proof of it. You know, sometimes you say well Lord, I'd like to see something, I'd like to have maybe evidence of something. Well, He does, and He gives you the proof of it. You know what the proof of all this is? Heresies, heresies, isn't that a funny proof? Oh yes, you say now wait a second brother, what do you mean by that? Well, a heresy is one that tries to divide, and sow division, alright? We're going to get to the verse in a minute, but I want to talk about a heresy just for a second. What they try to do is they try to sow division of the unity in this bond of perfectness, okay? And I thank the Lord that God and His faithfulness have caused us to just settle down to dwell together in marriage. And I thank God that we are tightly fit, compacted together, and we thank the Lord that that love is only grown. Heresy is a brethren I should say, and the word heresy actually comes from the meaning to take to themselves. See, people that are heresies know the word of God, and they do know the word of God. They really don't point you to Jesus, they point you to themselves. They point you to listen to them, they want to be exalted, and they point you to themselves. 25:41

But let's not be alarmed because I want you to understand this. Let's read verse nineteen and it'll give a little bit more clarity. As he says here, for there must be also heresies among you, and here's why, that they which are approved must be made manifest among you. Isn't that something? So, the Lord allows a little storm why He's showing off His glory. The Lord has us living in Canaan now, and yet there's giants in the land, huh? Oh, I love this. So, we thank God not to be alarmed because they must be

present, and yes, they're present now, and they've always been present. And I thank the Lord, you know, just not to try to find it, not to try to see it, but let me tell you something, you spend some time in love and abiding as His wife for the Lamb of God? See, the Lord took me across the Jordon when I was seventeen years old. I've been drowned in Canaan for forty-three years. Yeah, He walked me right across it; He carried me across actually. That's when I said I do, and I thank the Lord for that. Well, in all those years I've seen it; I've seen these heresies, and again you don't look for them, but the Lord said they must be. And they must be among you, they must be by you, they must be with you and once again they'll try to divide it and try to upset things. 27:19

But don't be alarmed by that, don't be dismayed because they must be. This is something that must be, and once again, why must it be? That they which are approved, the true chosen may be made manifest to who? Among you so thank the Lord. This is kind of like He tells you, and you know, huh? and you're thankful. Aren't you thankful for people that truly love the truth? Aren't you thankful for people that truly love truth in love? Aren't you thankful for people truly that just want to edify of the body itself in love? You pray, and you pray where I wouldn't be one of the silly ones that are led astray or done this or whatever. But that's why brothers and sisters I'm so thankful for Brother Hill. Brother Hill would just tell you, and he'd tell you flat out you'd better just get your ear to continue to listen to this. Don't go listen to other stuff; don't be doing those things. I heard him say to a couple brothers before, oh brother, I know I saw GP, that meant in the sky I saw GP, you know, let's go preach. Brother Hill just told them flat out no, that means go pray. 28:50

Go pray, it's amazing what we can try to convince ourselves in ourselves how right we are. And you sadly, and that's why I'm saying sadly, and I pray that it stays that way that you create an island, and I do pray for my brethren, let it be an Island, don't go there; don't want it, and again I'm in knee deep clover and I don't want to go nowhere else. And I thank the Lord for again ones that assemble themselves together in this love the much the more that we see this day approaching, and again it's not to be proud, and it's not to be haughty; be thankful. And you want ones to join so you can see pray for these things. But see, it proves who those that are approved. What it does is it proves the real gold, silver, and precious stones, it's another trial of our faith brothers and sisters, and we must be tried in all ways, shapes and forms, and this is one of the most beautiful ways that the Lord shows forth among ourselves. 30:07

Isn't that something, not to Him, but among ourselves. He already knows; yes, Jesus knows. But there's something about knowing this among ourselves; did you read that there? For there must be also heresies, ones that tried to divide you, ones that tried to point to themselves to take you away to divide this, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. See, there's a beauty in that to us isn't there; there's a comfort. See, you comfort me because you've been comforted by these things. I thank the Lord that I've had fathers in the faith that have instructed my life that I'm not unaware of the devil's devises. I'm not ignorant of his devises; I thank the Lord that we don't need

to be, and we don't need to be carried away with winds of doctrine and things of that nature. And I thank the Lord that we truly, we just stand brothers and sisters, and stand standing not for one little bit of leaven, alright? 31:23

It separates out, and it does. The Lord Jesus did it right there in her house, it separates out the workers that are like Martha. Martha, you can be encumbered, but don't you bother her. It separates out the self-righteous who belittle others that truly do compare themselves among themselves that bring out the law and the ordinances, and basically what they're saying to you is I'm glad I'm not like you, or I'm glad I'm not like that person. And if these people are doing that, they shouldn't be here. He protects you because you know what, He protects His lilies that doesn't toil. He preserves the ones that lets Him do all the keeping against that day. And we'll kind of close it up with this thought, there will always be those, Christians; there will always be those Christians that sadly try to keep you out of the promise, and they will and it's sad. The murmuring children in the wilderness, what did they try to do? They tried to defeat Caleb and Joshua. Those ten other spies did their best, and those were men of God that were sent into the land. They did everything in their power to convince Joshua and Caleb don't go in the promise; it couldn't be yours. There's no way we are able to take it. And those were the men of God, those were ten chosen, alright? What about the sons of the prophet there with Elishah? Why didn't they just leave him alone? Because there must be heresies among you. They were trying to divide; they were trying to separate him from God's best. They were trying to not allow him to double portion because they didn't see it, they didn't know what was there. Aren't you thankful for a life like Elisha? Aren't you thankful that it was so wonderful; yeah, Elisha was approved. And he was approved among us. 33:37

And Joshua and Caleb were approved among us. That wasn't for a past time, I'm living in Canaan now. I say hi to Joshua and Caleb in faith every day. I'm in a different promise, but I'm thankful to God it's the same. I pray we understand this. How about the daughters of Jerusalem? They were there, they were lovely, they were virgins, but they sure weren't helpful to the Shulamite, were they? There are other lovers. You don't need to love like that, you don't need to believe like that, that's too much. No, it really doesn't say that; oh no, you don't abide as a readied wife right now. Grace isn't that sufficient. Return, return O Shulamite, but they tried to defeat her. Don't let anybody defeat you; don't let them do that. And I do believe, I always love how the Lord kind of brought that out in Brother Steve's service. You're a salmon; I'm around a bunch of salmon. And it doesn't matter if it's a bear, twenty-foot waterfall, there's no way you can jump up that high. And then they didn't even see it, and later on Brother Greg knows, that fish is up that stream. They got one thing and they're going to live and die for it. For me to live is Christ, to die gain. And those salmon are about one thing, we're going to be fruitful to the end, and by the grace of God, nothing's going to stop us. 35:35

He put that in you, and He did. He's the One that gave you the heart praise the Lord, and it's yours and that's the beautiful thing, you share it together with Him, the lover of your soul. Hallelujah, Let's stand and be dismissed. 35:51