

The Crowns in Corinthians – 5 “The Spiritual Crown”
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Okay, let’s go with our sweet little study here, The Crowns in Corinthians. And tonight, it’s the Spiritual Crown, and we find this in First Corinthians Chapter Five. And I pray this will be something sweet to you, and just, Lord, say, just light upon light. Sin-cere, let it be something even more clear to the light, hallelujah. And reading again in First Corinthians Chapter Five, and we’ll begin reading from, let’s go with verse nine. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators. Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

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Praise the Lord, and I thank God for the word, and the word of His grace, and I thank God that we can rightfully divide hallelujah by the power of the Holy Ghost. Now there are a lot of Christians that’ll read that section and they’ll say yep, we’re going to look right to the law and to the ordinances, and if you’re not living in accordance with them, you’re out of here. Alright, and it’s funny because those are the ones that basically they want to pick and choose or proceed which ones are acceptable and which ones aren’t that you have to live with or do. The Lord obviously has Paul list out some of these things, but we’d still have to go back and look to the word of God to really understand where this is going, and what this is truly about. The word of God tells us that if you’re going to live by this, and live by the law and ordinances, and let’s go ahead and turn to James Chapter Two. You’re going to be pretty busy because you’re going to have to live by every single one of them. If that’s the way you want to go, it that’s the way you’re going to see things, and if that’s the way you’re really going to look at your brother you’re going to have to go all that way. In James Two, verse ten it says for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all the law. Isn’t that interesting how the Lord said that? It wasn’t that if you’re guilty in one point, you’re just guilty. Uh-uh, if you’re guilty of one point, you’re guilty of it all. Now I want you to think about that. What if you say well, I didn’t do all of them; how could I be guilty of all of them, huh?

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Because it’s the sin in the flesh you got it all. You want to go that way you’re guilty of all, and yes, we understand that this is truly speaking of someone who’s not saved; they’re guilty of every single one of them, and that’s the beauty of the blood because it took every single one of them away forever; forever. And it even goes further than that as we’ll get into tonight as we know, we hopefully enjoy as we look into this. So, if you fail in one, you’re guilty of them all if that’s the way you want to go, but see, spiritual crown

holders, we're not confused by this because we know that whom He has made free is free indeed. We know that praise God, a child of God is sinless; you cannot, nor do you sin. And we know praise God that as brethren that are spiritual by the grace of God we want to restore. I pray that we don't have to restore, we don't grudgingly restore one another, we want to restore one another. When your brother's hurting, you're drawn to them. When there's a problem, you want to go to them, and to encourage them. You don't want to shun them, you don't want to put them down, you don't want to crush them and sadly there's people that do that, that know this word. Don't let that be you. See, I believe Paul in Romans Chapter Seven, he confesses that he is this man he's talking about. Not specifically, but he's identifying with him because you know what he says? The evil that I would not, that I do. So, Paul knows that he shouldn't do it, and would not do it, but yet he's doing it.

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How bad is that? So, Brother Paul, you're out of here, I'm not supposed to sup with you because you know what man, you're doing evil, and you know you shouldn't be doing evil, but you keep doing it. I don't care about your faith Paul; you just can't be doing evil. Now, we know that's not true, we know that's not right. Saints, temptation of the flesh will never leave; it will never leave. The spiritual crown holders know that. And those that are spiritual like Paul, let's go back to First Corinthians Five, and we'll cheat a little bit, and we'll jump over to First Corinthians Chapter Six. You know that we live the truth in all of these scriptures. And as it says in First Corinthians Chapter Six let's read from verse seven.

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Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God, be not deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners; none of that's going to inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed. Isn't that beautiful? But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, hallelujah. But ye are justified. Isn't that glorious? You think the Lord is trying to get a point across? You're lost?

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You're sanctified and you're justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any, praise the Lord. How powerful is that? We don't want sin reigning upon our life; we don't, and not because I'm a good person. By the grace of God, we're tender, there's a conviction in our hearts, and its love. It's not what you know I'm being examined by people, and I've got to live right and all; don't ever let it ever be that way; it's because you want to. You want to, this is love we're talking about. This isn't a job. There's to Him is not a duty, it's a privilege, it's love. You're thankful, and I will say it like this, you're the luckiest person there ever was to have a spouse like that, and you want to please Him. And how do you please Him, you believe Him. And when you really, really please Him, when you really, really believe Him; when you believe not and He abides faithful still. You think that pleases Him that you know that He loves you like that? Think about it. It's easy to know in a way oh, well they

love me because I'm always you know coming up to the plate and hitting a home run. Sometimes when you're in your slump and you just keep striking out. Been sent back to the minors, but Jesus don't do that. You're always His major star. 09:16

So Paul, he didn't want sin to reign upon him, He said Lord, I don't want, and I'm not going to let this; I'm going to trust You, I'm not going to be under the power of this, but the beautiful thing is we're really not under the power of it; do you understand that? That's a lie; it's a lie. I've heard Christians say I got to get, I've just feel like I'm so bound I've got just view; you know I feel like I'm just in handcuffs or whatever it is. No, you're not, you're just carrying the stupid around like Brother Hill used to say, your old man's dead, quit dragging him around; a dead body stinks. It's the truth, to really know who you are in Christ, see, Paul knows that that sin in the flesh will always be there, and God intended it to be there. He did, and Paul; I love this, he just didn't go with well, my flesh feels like this, and he said it was okay like that, he knew what the flesh felt like, and Paul really knew what the flesh felt like because the Lord had to send a thorn, and He sent the messenger of Satan with the thorn, because it is not of Him to tempt. 10:40

Boy, that really had to tempt Paul, didn't it in a big, big way? But he knew about that, it was temptation in the flesh, and Paul was educated real quick, that thorn will acerbate that, it'll lift it, it'll magnify it and let him know how bad the flesh can be tempted, and how the Lord can make it more intense. But Paul said in Romans 6:12 he said but Lord, don't let it reign on me. I don't have to even ask you this question, have you ever had a battle like that because I know you do. Thank You Jesus; it's needful. It's needful for the power of Christ to reign upon your life. It's needful to get you to a place where you become a life where you glory in your infirmity that you realize it's through His magnificent mercy that you're clothed with the riches of His glory. 11:54

I think of this as Paul said that; don't let sin reign upon us. He didn't say don't let sin be in me because it can't be it said, reign upon me, alright, and in a way you think about the reign. How do you get out of the reign? You just step away and get covered. Aren't you covered by the blood of Jesus? So, you're already covered, aren't you? It makes you think about who you are in Christ; you're hidden away, and that's just the lies of the enemy because that's not you. I know it's hard to really grasp that in a way of being a human, If you try to think of that in your brain it ain't going to work. You have to see it, and it has to be revealed by the Spirit who you truly are in Christ. You are brand new; you are a new line; you are His line. Isn't that great, I've got chills popping up all over me, I'm born of God. Sure, I don't look like it, but the older we get, men say God don't look like that, you know. But I know one thing, when I see Him, I'm going to be like Him. Praise God, isn't that wonderful? 13:24

So, we're thankful that we know. Aren't you thankful that you know that your flesh will constantly continue to be sinful flesh because you thought you could change it? One time in your Christianity you thought you could change it, but you can't change. But it's what it's always going to be. Again, that doesn't mean we just give up and say oh you

know, but again it's not trying about changing the flesh. It's about just growing and, and who I am in Christ, amen? I guess we could say it like this too, even with all the happenings in this world, this world's becoming a more unhappy place. It's a more chaotic place. It's getting more sad, depressing. People are more divided than they've ever been, there's more hate than there's ever been. Does that describe you? It doesn't describe me., I'm happier than I've ever been, I'm more thankful than I've ever been. 14:37

I have more peace beyond understanding than I've ever had. Now, how can that happen, huh? Because we know who we are in Christ. And truly we're living in the heavenlies now; we're seated in the heavenlies now. And so I thank the Lord that that actually brings a joy, and a joy unspeakable and full of glory in our life that you can actually sing a song at night in a prison. You can actually write the joy book of the bible while you're sitting in a jail. That's where those things come from and thank You Lord for that power of Christ because that's what it is. 15:27

And so, we're thankful that Paul received this, and by the grace of God we understand it because of that truthfully that revelation of that mystery which this is even part of the mystery. This depth of grace is part of that mystery that was revealed to Paul, you understand that because you have to take all of it to really understand. Praise God, I'm a readied wife for the Lamb of God. It's got to be all Him. It's got to be all mercy. It's got to be all grace. It's got to be none of me, and none of what I look like, feel like, act like, or anything like that; it's got to be Him, and it is. And it is, and it's so wonderful that it is. So, in this flesh that is constantly sinful, I thank the Lord that he said that the sin though is trapped in that flesh. See, what Jesus Christ did is He condemned sin in the flesh. And really thinking about this, if you need a visual, you can look at your flesh and say well, that sins right there, and He condemned it right in the flesh. But it will never penetrate through into the inner man. It can't because He condemned it. and He stopped it right here. Yes, He did. And in Romans, it tells us that God put him in that, he was in that flesh, that sinful flesh. He never sinned in that sinful flesh, he was the only one that was perfect in that, that never entered into that. But by doing that he condemned it; he stopped it for us who believe. 17:10

I'm so thankful that I have that same life. You have that same life of Jesus Christ that lives in you, and because of His finished work, because of His perfect work I have that same life that lived that same perfectness. It's the same because it's the same life; it does not, and it cannot sin. And all that sin that I see and, and all the things that I think sometimes are me that come through this flesh it never penetrates to the inner man of who I am in Christ. Praise the Lord, you got, and I've got a sermon coming on Sunday I'm just loving what He's doing. 18:04

Now, so what your crown life is, is recognizing and discerning the true faith love of Paul's gospel, and then realizing brothers and sisters that we are in a battle, and we are, we're in a battle in a sense of faith of which is in the flesh. No one has or will ever conquer it. but Jesus Christ did. See, that's the beautiful thing, He did it. Jesus Christ condemned

that sin in the flesh. Go on over, let's read that precious verse together in Galatians Chapter Five, verse twenty-four. And really, just mark this one, circle it, highlight it; just let it live in you because it's so glorious and beautiful. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. You talk about free indeed, read that, love that. they that are Christ's, are you the Lord's? You bet you are, you know; that's why Jesus bought you, purchased you. You're not your own, you're His. You are Christ's you are in Him; you are of Him; praise God, He's in you. And you are in Him, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh; yes, you are Christ's. So, we that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts, it's done. 19:42

It's done, it's not by works, it's already done, and it's done by the new birth; it's done by that precious blood of Jesus Christ. He did it all. I said it earlier, the blood of Jesus Christ makes us a new line, and matter of fact it is His line. So, brethren that love this bridal message we don't want sin reigning in our life, amen? I mean it would be the silliest question to ask anybody in here tonight, anybody listening, who wants sin reigning in their life? Well, just raise your hand. Well, I do; no, you don't, you don't want that. You know, that's a problem. You want to be delivered of things, don't you? Amen, that's why you pray. It's one reason why you pray, it's a great reason why we pray. You go boldly to the throne of grace, we need help, we need mercy in our time of need, and that's all the time, and that's in everything, but especially in these things don't you think it's a tender time with the Lord? You know it is. You know, He loves that time. As he said, David said if I make my bed in hell, He's right there with me. 20:51

Now, in that, that we don't want sin reigning in our lives, but I want us to understand this, not that we think that we're sinful because we're not. But we don't want to hurt others, especially our brethren with our actions. Now we're back to love again, aren't we? Well, since we're in Galatians Five and I'm already there, turn back to Galatians Five and let's read a couple verses in there about why love can stop you from doing a lot of things it really can. But let's read from verses nine through thirteen of chapter five. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in you through the Lord that ye will be none otherwise minded, that he that troubles you shall bear this judgment whoever he be, and I brethren if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased? I would they were even cut off which trouble you, amen. Those ones that want to put you under the law? Lord, I do, I say Lord, either turn them to see grace. or get them out. It's how I pray. I do not by the grace of God want His children blessed with that because a little leaven it's toxic; it'll take your crown like that, and it will. 22:34

So, brethren ye have been called unto liberty; hallelujah. Thank God for that. Liberty, freedom; not bondage, not works, not striving. We're free, liberty, only *use* not liberty for an occasion of the flesh, but by love serve one another. Man, I love that. Love brothers and sisters with true love it keeps you in check. And it's not a hard thing keeping you in check, it just keeps you. It just does, I can go through a lot of things I mean you know, and I can say my sweet wife's here. There's a time I liked a lot of girls, they all

looked great to me that I saw, then I saw her; that was it. How does that work? I wanted to do that, I set out to do that; I want to love you more than everybody else. What is that? You just love. When you hear about Christ's love for you, and you see how beautiful He is and magnificent He is, and you see in the truth the Spirit that enlightens the eyes of your understanding and you see how gorgeous Jesus is. Again, there ain't anything else. That's what Paul's gospel does. 24:34

That's what the truth in love in Paul's gospel does, because that's what Paul's gospel is. We want temptation to be gone, don't we? I don't like it. Anybody here says you do I don't know. But there's a brother that says count it all joy when you're in manifold temptation. WHAT? But that's when you really begin growing up in the Lord aren't you? I mean really, it's like the last thing you want. Paul prayed Lord, take this thorn out of my flesh. Why did it have to be a messenger of Satan to send it? Well, the only thing that could have to be used for that is temptation because God can't tempt. But there's a beauty in the temptation like nothing else. Didn't you think it was a beautiful thing when Jesus went out into the wilderness; He was there for those forty days, and He was tempted. Wasn't that gorgeous and how He taught us? Not just taught us, but He showed us the magnificence of what delivers you all the way through. It is written, it is written, it is written praise the Lord, and aren't you thankful He's written all over you, and in you, and we're engraved upon His hands? There's a lot of writing here, and He's the author and finisher of our faith; I don't think the enemy can stand against that, can he? 26:09

So, we want it to go away, but it's not going to. Now, we're not going to condone by any way, shape, or form to tell people well, and I said this before. I remember you know raising my kids. You know, some family said well we're going to do this and this so my kids can do this in our own home. I just sat there one night, and I said Lord, that's like okay, go sin responsibly. So, I'll have responsible sinning. When I looked in the mirror I started laughing. I said, am I insane? It was like does this really make sense, and you almost try to reason it out. Well, it's better this way than that way, and this isn't a parenting class. But maybe I tell you too much about this headcase here, but the Lord's taking me through a few things I've really had to trust Him with, and things I trusted Him with that didn't look real good for a long time: for years. But when you allow God to do it, you'll have the finest of the fine. 27:21

Now, we seek the Lord to deliver, we seek the Lord to keep us from coming under the reigning of it. All of us have this sinful flesh, we all have sinful thoughts every day. If you need to go check it again the law and statutes are right there in front of you, and go ahead and start reading, you don't have to go very far, you've already failed. And remember, if you fail in one you failed them all, so just go back and read all the ones you're guilty of. We need Christ for everything don't we? That's what He's trying to tell you. 28:03

Now, the spiritual crown discerns; here we go, we'll wrap this up tonight. The spiritual crown discerns when a brother is fighting a good fight of faith or causing

discourse; the Lord will reveal it, He'll reveal it to your life, He will. If I would try to advocate my sinful ways to another brother and tell then to go ahead and to do that, and it's okay and this kind of thing I believe that's a discord. I believe I'm stirring up something in someone in a way that would be very harmful. But if I'm going through a trial in my life; a trial in my flesh maybe I've even given over to the temptation. Oh, I just jump full in huh? And I'm not getting out. I guess I'm kind of like Paul. The evil that I would not, that I do, and I keep doing it, and doing it, and doing it, and doing it, but yet I'm contrite with the Lord; Lord, help deliver me. Others may not even know I'm contrite with the Lord. I might be just like David; before Thee, and Thee only have I sinned. That's a brother I want to be with, that's a brother I want to pray with, that's a brother I want to lift up because that's one that's encouraging me to trust God with my stuff too. And I'm not saying when I have my stuff, I'm saying with my stuff too. 29:46

By the grace of God I pray we look at someone's heart, and it's not their action. I'm thankful when the Lord brings sweet manifestation of His love to your life. But I'm not banking on that for you to win Christ. I've seen a lot of wonderful works in here. I mean people don't worship in the Paul's gospel anymore. It been gone for years a lot of good things are done. The one thing that matters is the faith there, I'm holding fast the crown which I have. I'm rejoicing in your faith, not in the events of your flesh, truly. And I have to tell you as of late in this last year I've never rejoiced in faith so much, seeing a battle in the flesh like I've seen in some of my brethren. It's been an honor to see true champions; true champions of glory battling and winning even though self-righteous ones would say get it out of here. 31:10

Our fellowship in here is loving one another, and I know that, and I thank God that's what's kept me here. There'll always be heresies among us, you know that, because God intended it. It'll always be there because there's always going to be things they're going to prove what is and what isn't. God will let it be for so long, and God will remove it, and He always does. Now, in loving one another brothers and sisters I don't want to stumble you, you don't want to stumble me, we don't want to stumble each other; we want to edify one another. You know, in some times it's been hard a little bit because some people have tried to live their life in me. And it's not to be disrespectful but brothers we need to pray for one another and continue to do so and continue to be spiritual to restore and to be kind. And as the Lord gives you opportunity are your words condemning, are they harsh, or did you bring the honeycomb? 32:36

As they said many times think about how Jesus told that woman at the well about all she did. Jesus could have said it in a way where she would have said okay, give me a rope, I'll hang myself right here in the well. I mean really, think about that. Someone come and tell me everything I've done in life? I'm talking about, He's talking about well this one knew that you know, and He told her no, you've had a lot of husbands, now you're living with a guy. O-o-ooh. Jesus, You're talking with that woman that's living with somebody? They don't go to my church. You better understand the treasure we have in this meeting. Just go to the word of God, hear His words. Hear Him, it's love. But we don't

want to stumble one another, but I don't want to delve and pry into your personal life. If anybody here is doing that, I encourage you, pray; don't do that. It'll make you more miserable than the person you're trying to pry into, and it should. You got your just desert. That's between that brother and sister in the Lord. 34:18

It truly is, it's a beautiful thing, the word of God will do it. You know Nathan coming to David. Nathan represented the word of the Lord. Nathan wasn't representing a man, a person, it was the word of the Lord, and the word of the Lord chastened David's heart. David wasn't going to get away from it. The Lord was going to deal with it. But the Lord dealt with it in His time, didn't He? Then I could see all of those ones that you know that if this thing panned out with Bathsheba and, and there's the baby; oh see, that's what happens. I cannot stand my brethren that do that. We've all been there at one time or another when we've been angry or mad enough when we were children sitting there and saying now see? That's it, there's the connector. What evil did you do Job, huh? Oh, but David, I could see you're evil. That was really easy to see. 35:25

And look what God did, He took that child. Oh, God just got started, and He went in and He comforted Bathsheba. See, this is the guy that said uh-uh, I'm going with the Lord, I'm going to dance before Him in my underwear. That was just in His heart and His spirit; it was still love. David wasn't trying to, well I've got to save face here, I go to do the right thing. I got to put her back where all these different things that somebody could have been thinking of. So, he went in to comfort his wife, and God gave him the fruit of the throne. How do you like them apples, huh oh self-righteous one sitting there? Oh, we thought we had him; he was down. And God gave them more grace. 36:19

Now, we are joined, not in the flesh saints, but in the Spirit aren't we? Thank You Lord, we're joined in the Spirit, we're joined in the new man in Christ. And as I said earlier, I love the fellowship here because it's in the gospel of Christ. I do thank the Lord, our fellowship isn't in entertainment, it's not in the world. It's not in politics, it's not in policies, it's not in you know getting lost in oh here's the signs of the time. We're in the heavenlies; we're in the heavenlies. See, we're not just singing those songs anymore, we actually understand the words. I can say that kind of chuckling because I sang all this opera. Now, I can understand some of that other kind, but man you threw that French and that German at me I'll zoom, zoom, zoom. I could pronounce the words man; I didn't know almost a thing I was saying sometimes. Terrible. You should really know what you're saying, even more so. Do you know what you're saying, or are you just reciting something? 37:36

Do you really understand the word of the Lord, or are you just a sounding gong? I love what He's given us. It sure chastens me. Well, when that's our fellowship which I know it is, God protects this place because He protects it by us loving one another. Did you know that? That's the protection here. We hold fast that crown which we have by faith even to all the sinful flesh. Do you like that? Then you know what? You sure like Jesus. Let's pray. 38:41