

The Crowns in Corinthians – 7 “The Crown of Abiding in God”

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Now, Let’s go ahead and open our bibles tonight to First Corinthians Chapter Seven and been going through this study of The Crowns in Corinthians, and we’ve been going through each Wednesday in a different chapter and tonight is the crown of abiding, and it’s the crown of abiding with God. And this chapter seven it’s pointed to quite often as a oh if you will a rulebook, a book to go to for marriage; I encourage you to go to the entirety of the word of God for your marriage, but for specifically the relationship of marriage. But I thank the Lord as the Lord often does there’s much more in this chapter, and I thank God as we begin to really trust Him; there’s the hidden mystery that the Lord has woven in His scriptures, and I think tonight by the power of the Holy Ghost it’ll come forward.

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But see brothers and sisters, this abiding crown, or this crown of abiding with God is not just needed for a marriage, and it’s not just needed when you’re not married, and it’s not just needed in a relationship. This abiding with God needs to be in everything in our entire life. And we need to abide in Him in this regard of fellowship, and we thank the Lord in verse twenty-nine if you’ll look there, the paramount reason especially with the Apostle Paul as the Lord has given him this mystery of Christ in the church, it’s always about one thing, it’s about the coming of the Lord. It’s always about the one thing, it’s about being ready, and you’ll read there in verse twenty-nine, but this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: that should grab your attention, and it basically pops out right in the middle of the chapter because it’s sandwiched in a lot of attention getters, but especially with what it’s speaking of here. The time is short, and let’s continue on reading from that twenty-ninth verse where it says that this, I say brethren, the time is short, it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none. And they that weep as though they wept not, and they that rejoice as though they rejoice not, and they that buy as though they possess not.

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And they that use the world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of the world passes away. Abide with God with everything in our life. Whether we’re married, whether we’re unmarried etcetera, abide with God The word of God says not to be entangled with the things of this life, to not be encumbered with the affairs of this life, and the reason is, is because if we get tangled, or encumbered even with good things we won’t be ready. Some saints, and I will say this base their whole entire spiritual success, or their spiritual state upon their marriage, or whether they’re staying in a marriage or not. Don’t let anything be your idol, anything whether it’s a marriage or not a marriage, whether it’s your child, or your children. Whether it’s your job, whether it’s your retirement, whether it’s your savings, whether it’s any device you might have, etc., etc., etc., abide with God in everything.

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And I thank the Lord, I do, and I'm so grateful to God this is a meeting that has been fed the word of His grace over all these years, and the word works effectually in them that believe. And I thank God that the evidence of abiding with God in everything in this place; everything. Looking out here tonight thinking of all the different situations, all the different experiences, all of the different things that we have in every one of our lives, and yet it's all about the one thing. As Paul says right there, and I love reading it each and every time, the time is short. You see, the majority of Christianity, the majority of religious man they want to be focused on the things that are here. I was so thankful to hear the message of meditate on these things, right? The lovely, the good report, and I always loved this one; the true. Meditate on that. See, people want to meditate, and I'm not speaking of the truth of the word of God; you won't want to meditate on that because that's the true. But what people want to do, they want to meditate on the truth of life. And maybe the truth of what they see in your life as opposed to the true that is your life. How about thanking the Lord for that life of the true, and the evidence of that true that that life lives the life of Paul's gospel that the time is short. And when that becomes the focus of our lives, even though there may be things in my flesh, they sure don't have my attention as much.

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I thank the Lord I'm still encouraged to come to a place praise the Lord that loves people in the truth, that we want you here in love in the truth. And I know all the other stuff praise be to God. God will keep it perfectly, and I believe that. And we're a group that loves one another, and we don't want to stumble our brethren. And I thank the Lord as Brother David said, before Thee, and Thee only have I sinned. The Lord has me to come and to seek out brethren for help in something like that, that's something, and I understand that. But I thank God, and I encourage you you'll go one place, you'll go to God. You got one Mediator between you and the Father, and that's your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; it gives me chills to tell you that and I thank the Lord for it because you know we're here to lift one another hands up to God, we're here to search the scriptures together. But I know, I know Who chastens our hearts. I know Who's dealing with my heart all the time is the same one that deals with you. And I thank the Lord, that's the one that will get it done in sincerity. That's the one that will get it done in Spirit and in truth not from the outside in but thank You God from the inside out.

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Now, we thank the Lord for this together, and I thank God we abide faithfully, and this is what's important as we go start looking at verse twenty here in this chapter. We abide faithfully in the body wherewith we are called; the place that the Lord has placed us in, the location, even the rank and let's go ahead and read that in chapter twenty of chapter seven. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. See, whom He foreknew; whom He foreknew, the Lord foreknew you, amen? And you have it; says them He called. It gets to that in that scripture; we'll be at that in Romans Eight here very quickly. But He called and He chose, and He has perfectly set every part in the body. And here's the thing the Lord knows before a star was set in heaven. He knows the faith of every man. He knows exactly what every man would either reject, and every Christian man; every son of God what they would take.

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Now we understand this how faithful God said, I would that all men be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth. So, let's make sure we understand that that wonderful plan of salvation was for every man. Jesus Christ died for the sin of every man. So, whether there's an agnostic, whether there's an atheist, whether there's people that don't want to accept Christ Jesus as Saviour, I'll tell you one thing that they can never ever deny, He died for their sin. They will know because every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. And I thank God we have that assurance, but in this in speaking of Christian man the Lord knows the faith that we would receive. He knows what each and every one of us will believe. And here so gloriously, as we'll begin to see tonight not only is this something to be ready to be prepared that the time is short. He's going to bring in here the ranks of the resurrection, and the ranks if you will of believers starting in verse twenty-one.

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So, He says first, let's go back to verse twenty. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use *it* rather. For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise, also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. Isn't that glorious? So, you can count on, you can see what the Lord's saying. We get so caught up into position, and into the positions of our life in the things we are doing in our life. Often times even in churches, and it's so sad because this is our nature as people. You'll come in and you'll fill out cards that you know, what is your gift? We'll find your gift. We'll find you a service place in the church.

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I'm so thankful you're in a meeting, and I'm in a meeting where you know what you what you do is you come down here and sit and listen.; that's how you grow. You need to hear the word of God. It is truly; Christianity is about faith. Faith is how all the promises are obtained; faith is your victory. And how does faith come? By having a position in the church? Does it come by well my oh my, we're going to find your gift, and here's your gift that'll give you faith? Faith comes one way, and that's by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And I thank God that's the simplicity of this. And that's how all of the full overcoming has always been obtained in the word of God whether it's Old Testament or New, by faith. And so we appreciate the Lord, the simplicity of that, but we see right here as it's saying that if you're a servant praise be to God, just be that servant, but it's the servant praise the Lord as unto the Lord. So, everything is unto the Lord, and that's what the bible is speaking to here. Your marriage is as unto the Lord, or if you're not married as unto the Lord, you're abiding with God in everything, and I thank the Lord for this.

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I so thank the Lord for this because I think that there's such; brothers and sisters, marriage is good, marriage is a wonderful thing. Marriage is, by the grace of God, you want to continue in it as unto the Lord. But some time things happen. Things occur; there's things that happen in life. God is still faithful, and I've seen people trying to keep their

marriages, and at times they'll even step away from the things of God. I've seen ones try to press couples to stay married where it really oppressed the other one that was being oppressed in the marriage because that family didn't want to have the reputation of a divorce in their family. God is love and your benchmark in life is not just continuing to set out the commandments in your life. And I'll get the ordinances out there too for you if you want, and the sentiment is I got to hit each and every one of these, I've got to run this straight mark you're going to get so bogged down in you and your efforts you're going to quit abiding with God. You're not going to have that joy, you're not going to have that thanksgiving in your life. And I thank the Lord in our meeting, and I do commend you saints, the Lord has proven that we abide with God in this marriage, and I'm talking about in this meeting, but in this marriage. 14:43

You understand what I'm saying here? This is the marriage honey; you're going to see it more as we go through here tonight; this is the marriage. We're abiding as a readied wife, and we can't be distracted. I pray you receive this because this is mighty. So, as we read here about the servant, did you notice that verse, verse twenty-three, we are bought with a price; be ye not the servants of men? See, you're bought with a price, don't be the servant of anything; you're His, okay? You're His period, so abide in that; be strengthened in that. It's the leverage over everything that we are not our own, we are purchased with the precious blood of Jesus. He purchased as we just read here of the servant, now we'll go the next rank if you will He did the same for the virgin. Verse twenty-five, look at this. It says right here, now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord; did you hear Paul say that? Yet I give my judgment as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. So, isn't that beautiful that the Apostle Paul is coming in here with some benefit to us? Not because of commandments, but because of mercy. What does the bible say? 16:26

If you want mercy, you need to be merciful, you need to be full of mercy. The Apostle Paul was a minister full of mercy because he couldn't receive the thing that he received of the Lord if he wasn't completely totally holy, and the vessel of mercy. Because he has the message to be clothed with all the riches of His glory. The reason he was the chief of sinners by the way is because he rejected the Lord, and he was pursuing all the commandments in his life. Isn't that interesting? And can't we wake up as Christians? What should we be pursuing? His mercy, His encouragement of love and thanking God as opposed to telling my brother you've got to do this, and you need to do this, come at them with that love and that mercy to say Lord help me to be merciful, and to love, and to encourage, and to pray with and to lift my brothers and sister's hand. because when we know that we are His, when we know that our abiding with Him it sure makes everything else seem a lot less important, a lot less dramatic, a lot less of a lot of things. 17:57

I can just testify with my own life it just helps me to continue on. My brother used to say you know, I was a tenor, I had a big voice; you can ask my kids, and it's called a dramatic tenor. But I had older brothers, especially one. He said you're not a dramatic tenor; you're a traumatic tenor. So, you know I need a lot of mercy. I'd rather go after that,

so thanks be to God. But it's beautiful here, Paul says I'm not coming at you here with a commandment, I'm coming at you here with mercy and Paul knows that because he knows that he needed that, and he knows we need that. And the mercy if you'll go after I mentioned it earlier, the mercy is where all the riches of His glory are. The mercy is woven all the way through the beautiful bridal message. 19:00

And let's go back to verses six and seven because this'll kind of bring it all back together for you of what this is speaking of here as we have been speaking of these different things through here. Paul says but I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. Isn't this interesting. He says it again, I'm not coming here with commandment, I'm not speaking of commandment, this is of permission, this is of grace, this is of mercy. And what is Paul said? For I were that all men were even as myself, but every man has his proper gift of God. One of this manner, and another after that. See. Paul comes and he's expressing here in this chapter that marriage is a benefit. And it's some lawful to be married, and it is, and it's a wonderful thing to be married, but when you're married there's also as it says some that you start to have to care for your spouse more than the things of God. So, what Paul was saying that well, if you don't necessarily have to be married if you're not and again led that way it's better for you to be as me as unmarried. But what has Paul said? I would as all men were as myself, but every man hath the proper gift of God; that checked it all right there. Get it, and that's what Paul was saying. 20:32

We mark him as he followed Christ. This he's giving his encouragement of his own life as he willed his testimony as an encouragement, but there's a deeper layer here in this, that we're as Paul in the sense of not physically, not being married naturally speaking; we're abiding with God in everything. We truly are married to Him; first love with Him, and then everything else is an aftereffect and that's really what this whole chapter is about. And it's sad to me because some just try to come out and say well here is your rule, but here is how you go about these things, and this is how it's got to be. Check, check, check, check, check and you'll check the love of Christ right out of a meeting because this isn't what this is all about anyways. But every man has his proper gift, every man is abiding in his calling. Paul says this a couple more times in this chapter. It's not in the rolls we take in this life, but it's the calling of the Lord in our place in the body of Christ; it's abiding in Christ. And now I want you to think about the calling that we have. See, as it says here that every man hath this proper gift of God. One after this manner, and another after that.? So wonderful. And then again in verse twenty we read let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. 22:16

So, let's go over to Romans Chapter Eight, and let's rejoice in our calling, and we read in verse twenty-nine, for whom He did foreknow He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did predestinate; here we go, them He also called. And whom He called, them He also justified, and whom He justified them He also glorified. So, praise be to God we were called to be glorified; that's why He called us. Justified, glorified, set

apart, set apart for Him, sanctified; praise the Lord. We're called in the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And in that portion of scripture, we are even apprehended by it, we're apprehended for it. That's quite a calling. And I want you note something here. As we went from servants to virgins, make sure we note this, and I appreciate Brother Copley bringing this out. Not all virgins are wise; oh no. Remember Esther, there were many virgins there, but the love of the king, he loved her more than all and she was the one that received and wore the crown. So, wise as Paul says, and I love this because we're in Corinthians anyways. As Paul says the wife is not just a virgin; she's a chaste virgin. 24:16

Turn to Second Corinthians, not just a virgin, but a chaste virgin. In second Corinthians Chapter Eleven, verse two Paul says for I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused; that word in the Greek is married; past tense. I have married you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. And I love how a brother wrote this, and I want to read this to you. The marriage has been initiated through the binding covenant of faith through Paul's gospel, but it's full glorious consummation awaits the future return of Christ. This is when the rib portion of the church, the chaste virgin, the bride will finally be united with her husband the Lamb at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Hallelujah, I thought that was so perfectly and wondrously written. You know, some do see this if you want to. But we are not our own. Now we're back to that same, remember it said that the servant wasn't his own, the virgin wasn't her own? Well, we're not our own either because of that same blood. 26:09

But aren't you thankful that you even know what that purchasing of the blood did for you. That blood was the purchase of a dowry. Oh yeah, that was the dowry that He paid to marry us, and this brings us back as we're going to close this tonight to the glory of abiding of His readied wife. So, see, we abide with God, but our abiding brothers and sisters we abide as a readied wife. When you abide as a readied wife of the Lamb of God, aren't you thankful, nothing else has you? Aren't you thankful nothing else defines you? Amen, come on aren't you thankful? I'm thankful for the marriage you have, and marriages you have in here and all of that, but that don't define you. If it does, you're in trouble I'll tell you that right now. I know there's people that say well, the first thing is this, and the second is this. Let me tell you something. The first thing is your Bridegroom Jesus, and then nothing else. Everything else flows from that, and that's the truth. And I thank the Lord that's the love of Christ, and that's the love of Christ we have for one another. But let's speak of this in closing. 27:33

Let's read verse thirty-four back in our seventh chapter of Corinthians. In verse thirty-four Paul said, there is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. Now, he says it there, the unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband. So, there is the abiding if you will, to please our husband, but you say wait a second brother, this is saying that abiding unmarried is better. Well, what I would say to that there's a whole religion that has been built on they're called most holy

priests and nuns, and how has that worked out? Now, you should be quiet, maybe that gave you something to think about; this really must not be what this is talking about exactly right. He's just giving you the proof of how and what He's mining in our hearts for right now.

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And there's more in here, and that more if you will. Go on over to verse thirty-nine and this answers it for you. The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives, but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will only in the Lord. So, it says here we are free to marry another, there's an encouragement of that, and we got to go back to Romans because we are married to another. And in Romans, Chapter Seven let's begin reading from verse one. Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then if, while *her* husband lives, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband is dead, she is free from the law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

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Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you should be married to another, *even* to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. So, there is our abiding, there is where the fruit is, there is praise be to God our marriage which comes by faith in Paul's gospel. As we read, the marriage has been initiated through the binding covenant of faith through Paul's gospel. That where that proposal came to you at the well. I will go, signed it has been initiated the binding covenant of marriage, by faith; by faith, all by faith, and we abide as a readied wife for our husband. Our lives, are about the calling, and yes thank You Jesus, our lives are about pleasing our Husband. That's our abiding saints. I pray that we really understand and know this. Whom He has made free is free indeed, and in that liberty, we don't use it as an occasion of the flesh, do we? No, because we love one another.

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And that love by the grace of God it's the inspiration, it's the motivation of any of the good doing in our lives, and that is the truth. And aren't we thankful that it's His love and aren't we thankful that even when we believe not, even when we love not His love abide faithful. And it's not a second chance brothers and sisters as some will say, it's just a continuation of the abiding of the love of God in our lives. And as Paul said, I don't speak this of commandment, I speak this as one who has received mercy. So, if you are, be as though you're not. And if you're not, be as though you are in everything. And that's right brother, it kind of come down to just be. I believe that is appropriate. Hallelujah. Let's stand and be dismissed.

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