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# REBUILDING the GATES



# The Inspection Gate

**The Inspection Gate speaks of the final judgement and the rewards to come: Living with eternity in our hearts and minds.**

Q: Are we living our lives with eternity in view, fulfilling the call of God?



# Living for Eternity

## 1 Pet 1:3 - 9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again **TO A LIVING HOPE** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 **TO AN INHERITANCE** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, **though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials**, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.



# Living for Eternity

A photograph of a large, arched stone doorway in a ruined wall, with rubble and debris in the foreground. The image is in a muted, sepia-like tone, emphasizing the ancient and weathered nature of the structure. The archway is the central focus, leading into a dark interior. The surrounding walls are made of large, rectangular stone blocks, many of which are crumbling or missing. The foreground is filled with a chaotic pile of broken stones, bricks, and debris, suggesting a state of significant destruction or decay.

## Begotten again TO:

- 'a living hope'
- 'an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that does not fade away'



# Laying up eternal treasure

## **Matt 6:19 - 21**

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



# Laying up eternal treasure

## 2 Cor 4:16 - 18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, IS WORKING FOR US a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.



# Laying up eternal treasure

Afflictions produce glory. But the glory is out of proportion to the affliction. Trials are light and temporary compared to the eternal weight of glory we will receive. Paul's focus on the future enabled him to properly assess problems and see how small they were compared to their eternal results.



# Laying up eternal treasure

## 1 John 3:1 - 3

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 **And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**



# Motives Matter

## 1 Cor 3:5 - 15

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.



# Motives Matter

## 1 Cor 3:5 - 15

“For we are Gods fellow workers; you are Gods field, you are Gods building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each ones work will become clear**, for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each ones work, of what sort it is.”



# Crowns and Judgements

A grayscale photograph of a stone archway in a ruined building. The arch is made of large, rectangular stone blocks. The interior of the arch is dark. In the foreground, there is a large pile of rubble and debris, including broken stones and wooden planks. A simple wooden railing is visible in front of the arch. The background shows more of the ruined stone walls.

1. Victors Crown
2. Crown of Righteousness
3. Crown of Life
4. Crown of Glory



# Crowns and Judgements

## 1. Victors Crown

**1 Cor 9:24 - 27**

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.



# Crowns and Judgements

## 2. Crown of Righteousness

**2 Tim 4:6 - 8**

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



# Crowns and Judgements

## 3. Crown of Life

**James 1:12**

12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

**Rev 2:10**

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”



# Crowns and Judgements

## 4. Crown of Glory

**1 Pet 5:1 - 4**

1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.



# Crowns and Judgements

## Judgements already occurred:

- The judgement of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:14–24)
- The judgment of the antediluvian world (Genesis 7:17–24)
- The judgment at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:5–9)
- The judgment of Egypt and their gods (Exodus 7—12)
- The judgment of believers' sins (Isaiah 53:4–8)



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## Judgements still to come:

- The judgments of the tribulation period (Revelation 6—16)
- The judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- The judgment of the nations (Matthew 25:31–46)
- The judgment of angels (1 Corinthians 6:2–3)
- The Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–15)



# Crowns and Judgements

- The Judgement against sin:

Rom 8:1

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"

Heb 2:9

"He suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone"

Heb 10 - the one sacrifice for all time.

Is 53:4 - 8



# Crowns and Judgements

- **The Judgement seat of Christ:**

## **2 Cor 5:6 - 10**

6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.



# Crowns and Judgements

## ● The Great White Throne Judgement

### Revelation 20:11–15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.



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