



Lesson 18: A Full Reward / Text: 2 John 1:1-8

Message Focus: Educate believers regarding the eternal rewards they can earn by faithfully serving Jesus Christ.

Read 2 John 1:1-8

Intro: When a person becomes a Christian (*Christ follower/believer*) they enter a race. This race is being closely monitored by God Almighty. At the end of this race, rewards will be handed out. This study is designed to educate or remind you of those rewards.

1. 2 John 1:8 says we must be careful so that “we do not lose those things we worked for”. Some may be tempted to think this refers to their salvation. How can we refute that line of thinking from the following verses?

Titus 3:5

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1 Peter 1:3-5

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2. What John does have in mind are rewards... things that can be earned. Although we certainly stand to lose rewards/blessings here on earth if we are not devoted, we are not sure if this is what John has in mind. John may have in mind several “eternal” rewards (*crowns*) that are mentioned in scripture. Why does Jesus say that eternal rewards should be more desirable to us? (*Matthew 6:19-20*)

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We will now consider five eternal rewards, also known as crowns. Four of these rewards/crowns can be earned by any believer. The fifth one is reserved for a specific group of believers.

3. The **Crown of Life** (*James 1:12-13 & Revelation 2:10*)

How is this crown earned? What sort of things might we do to earn this crown?

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4. **The Crown of Rejoicing** (*1 Thessalonians 2:19-20*)

How is this crown earned? What sort of things might we do to earn this crown?

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5. **The Crown of Righteousness** (2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 1 John 2:28-29, 3:2-3)

How is this crown earned? What sort of things might we do to earn this crown?

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6. **The Imperishable Crown** (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

How is this crown earned? What sort of things might we do to earn this crown?

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7. **The Crown of Glory** (1 Peter 5:1-4) This last crown can only be earned by certain believers.

Who may earn this crown? What sort of things might they do to earn it?

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8. What practical steps can you take this week to demonstrate to God your determination to earn one of more of the crowns mentioned in this lesson?

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