

## Are there different rewards for different Christians?

The idea of different rewards for different Christians based upon the life they led is common and controversial.

1. What different rewards are mentioned?

2 Timothy 4:8

1 Peter 5:4

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Revelation 2:10

There is the crown of righteousness, an incorruptible crown, the crown of glory, and the crown of life. The scriptures indicate that all believers will receive all of these crowns.

2. What happens once a person receives these crowns?

Revelation 4:10-11

Luke 17:7-10

Matthew 20:5-12

All of the crowns that a man may receive are crowns that rightfully belong to Jesus. Not one man has ever done anything of sufficient worth to justify receiving any more of a reward than eternal life. The scriptures identify each believer who does what Jesus has called us to do as being nothing more than unprofitable servants. And none of us is capable of accomplishing more than what Jesus would ask us to do.

3. What about different judgments then?

James 3:1-2

Believers need to be careful about becoming teachers or leaders of others in the Christian life. There is an indication that those who lead others astray in the relationship to God and Christ will in some manner be held to a greater degree of condemnation. The scriptures are not clear on what that might look like.

4. Is it ok for a woman to be a pastor?

1 Timothy 2:12

Numbers 30:2-5

Paul was very clear that women are not to have authority over men, this is primarily an issue of pastoral leadership but it applies in the house and elsewhere as well. God gave to the male the responsibility over the decisions of the household. Since he is held responsible for the decisions of the house he cannot be overruled by his wife. This does not mean he is to rule the house with an iron scepter but in love, compassion, and preferential care for another.

5. Where was Jesus during the 3 days of burial?

that Jesus may have descended into hell. What we do know is that He did not wrestle the keys of hell from Satan. They were given to Him by the Father. In the spiritual realm, there are two sets of keys. There are the keys to the kingdom of heaven that are given to believers. These keys are the gospel. The other set of keys, that belong to Jesus, are the keys to hell and to death. All of mankind is positionally set into hell. As believers exercise the keys to the kingdom of heaven, Jesus may, at His sole discretion, use the keys to hell and death in order to open the gates of hell in order to bring someone out of hell and place them into the kingdom of heaven.