

# The Believer's Reward

Luke 6:22-23

## Outweighs Anything In This Life

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### The bad

- Is not worthy to be compared
  - Romans 8:18 – “not worth comparing”
  - II Corinthians 4:17-18 – “... this slight momentary affliction ...”
  - cf. II Corinthians 11:24-27 – “Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes ...”
- We should rejoice
  - Matthew 5:11-12 – “Blessed are you ...”
  - Acts 20:24 – “... I do not account my life of any value ...”

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### But also the good

- Even the best earthly things are **temporary**
  - Matthew 6:19 – “... moth and rust destroy ...”
  - II Corinthians 4:17-18 – “... the things that are seen are transient”
  - Psalms 49:10, 12 – “Man in his pomp will not remain”
- The reward is **eternal**
  - Colossians 3:1-2 – “... at the right hand of God”
  - I Peter 1:3-4 – “... an inheritance that is imperishable”

## Joy

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### For what made it possible

- Christ's resurrection
  - Mark 8:29-31 – “... after three days rise again”
  - John 16:22 – “... I will see you again ...”
  - I Corinthians 15:19-23 – “by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead”
- Christ's redemption
  - Revelation 5:8-9 – “... by your blood you ransomed people for God ...”

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### For our eternal salvation

- **Great joy**
  - Jude 1:24-25 – “... blameless before the presence of his glory with great (“exceeding” ASV) joy”
  - I Peter 4:12-13 – “... rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (“rejoice with exceeding joy” ASV)
- In receiving the reward
  - Matthew 25:21, 23, 34 – “Enter into the joy of your master ... inherit the kingdom prepared for you ...”

## Eternal Life

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### This earthly life is:

- Temporary
  - Psalms 90:10 – “they are soon gone, and we fly away”
- Of unknown length
  - Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 – “... man does not know his time ... it suddenly falls upon them”

## Eternal Life

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### The next life is:

- Promised by God
  - I John 2:24-25 – “And this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life”
  - Titus 1:1-2 – “which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began”
- Eternal – Unending
  - Romans 2:6-7 – “he will give eternal life”
  - I Corinthians 15:51-53 – “... this mortal body must put on immortality”

## The Crown

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### The “crown” we receive

- Life
  - James 1:12 – “he will receive the crown of life”
  - Revelation 2:10 – “I will give you the crown of life”
- Righteousness
  - II Timothy 4:8 – “there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness”
- Glory
  - I Peter 5:4 – “you will receive the unfading crown of glory”

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### We receive – God is the giver

- It is a **reward**
  - Matthew 5:11-12 – “... your reward is great in heaven”
  - Hebrews 10:35-36 – “a great reward ... you may receive what is promised”
- It is a **gift**
  - Romans 6:22-23 – “... the free gift of God is eternal life ...”
  - Ephesians 2:8-10 – “it is the gift of God”

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- Is joy
- Is eternal life
- Is the crown

## Obeying The Gospel

### Hear the Word of God

- ▶ James 1:21 – “... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

### Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- ▶ I John 3:23-24 – “... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ...”

### Repent of your sins

- ▶ Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

## Obeying The Gospel

### Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- ▶ Matthew 10:32 – “Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven.”

### Be immersed in water

- ▶ Mark 16:15-16 – “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved ...”

### Remain faithful

- ▶ Matthew 7:21 – “... the one who does the will of my Father ...”