

Crowned – Part 1

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This is the message that changed my life. This series is about you discovering what God has done for you. Each week will not be about what you must do for God, but rather, what you must believe God has done for you!

Week One – Crowned with the Father’s love

Week Two – Crowned with dignity and worth

Week Three – Crowned with a divine inheritance

Week Four – Crowned with peace

This week: Crowned with the Father’s love

1. The Power of the Father’s Love

John 16:27 – Jesus said, The Father himself loves you...

2. The Price of the Father’s Love

- Religion will tell you to pay the price – earn it
- Christ would have died in vain if your salvation could be earned.
- Don’t confuse responding to God’s love through obedience with earning God’s love.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

- You only sacrifice for something you love
- Love is the greatest motivator known to man
- Children prove this:
 - Unending work and money – it is estimated that it costs \$230K to raise a child
 - A parent would gladly bear every sickness for their child.
 - A parent would gladly bear every adult deficit and the sorrow that comes with it for their child.
- This is why - God so loved that He gave His Son.

3. You Are the Object of the Father's Love

- What if God loved you more than every human that has ever lived on the earth?
- What if He loved you more than all of them combined?
- Would it change the way you THINK, ACT, PLAN?
- Would it change the way you respond to God?

Matthew 13:45-46 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

- Jesus is the merchant in this parable.
- You are the **PEARL OF GREAT PRICE**.
- You are the **OBJECT** of the Father's Love.
- You hold **GREAT VALUE** to Him.
- He is **SEARCHING** for you!
- God's **DESPERATE LOVE** is why He **PURCHASED** you with His very own blood.

Dick and Judy Hoyt, have a son named Rick. When Rick was born, he was born with umbilical cord around his neck and was physically impaired.

- Rick learned to communicate through a computer.
 - His classmate was paralyzed, and they were running a 5K to raise money for him. He told his father, "I want to run in that race".
 - His father was not a runner but decided to train by running with a 100-pound bag of cement in a wheelchair.
 - After the race, he told his father, through the computer, "When I'm running, it's the only time I don't feel handicapped."
 - This is where the desperate love of a father kicked in. His father kept doing this – Now they have run in 72 marathons & 257 triathlons (2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of cycling & 26.2 miles of running).
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- I'm in the chair and so are you.
 - All He is asking of you, is to choose to "get in the chair".
 - You will not cross Heaven's finish line unless He carries you!