

## The Christian's Crown

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What kind of crown will the faithful Christian receive? It will be a...

**Crown of Life** - *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12).*

**Crown of Glory** - *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away (1 Peter 5:4).*

**Crown of Rejoicing** - *For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20).*

**Crown of Righteousness** - *Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8).*

**Crown Incorruptible** - *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever (1 Corinthians 9:25).*

Dear Christian, don't you want to wear this crown one day?

- Chris Reeves -

## A Tribute to Mothers

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"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning." - Unknown

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." - George Washington

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Godly Mothers Who Came to Jesus

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Happy mother's day to all our godly mothers here at the Warfield Blvd. congregation! So, what is the origin of mother's day? The modern-day celebration of mother's day goes back to 1907 and Grafton, West Virginia. Here, Anna Jarvis, a former peace activist during the civil war, began a movement to celebrate mothers due to the passing of her own mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis, two years earlier. In 1914, it was made a national holiday by President Woodrow Wilson.

What do mother's deserve? They deserve the obedience and honor of their children (Eph. 6:1-2), affection (1 Kings 19:20), wisdom (Prov. 10:1), righteousness (Proverbs 23:24-25), and care in their old age (1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 16). In addition to the occasional card and flowers, do we give our mother these things?

Mother's day is a day of tribute and there is no greater tribute than to see a mother whose children come in contact with Jesus. Let's consider four mothers in the New Testament who had their children come in contact with Jesus (Matthew 19:13-15).

## **A Mother's Trust (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)**

First, we read about a mother who had a great trust in Jesus. She trusted that her husband, Jairus, could convince Jesus to come home with him and do something for her daughter who was at the point of death. Her trust paid off. Godly mothers trust that Jesus can do what he says he can do for the family.

## **A Mother's Respect (Luke 7:11-17)**

Second, we read about a widow from the city of Nain who was a mother. Her only son was dead and they were all on the way to bury him when Jesus showed up. He raised the young man and gave him to his mother. She and others immediately praised God. Godly mothers respect and praise God for what he has done for the family.

## **A Mother's Perseverance (Matthew 15:21-28)**

Third, we read about a Syro-Phoenician woman who was a mother. She had a daughter that was vexed by a demon and she cried out to Jesus to help her. She kept making her request of Jesus until she got what she wanted. She did not allow herself to give up or be deterred even after the disciples and Jesus said what they did about her. She had tenacity. Godly

mothers do whatever it takes to get help from Jesus for the family.

## **A Mother's Ambition (Matthew 20:20-28; 27:56)**

Lastly, we read about Salome who was the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee. She came to Jesus and worshipped him and made a request of him. She wanted Jesus to command that her sons be given the place of authority at Jesus' right and left hand in his kingdom. But, she had to learn that this was not Jesus' prerogative to give. One could argue that her request was natural, but it was misguided. She was respectful, she was practical, and she had forethought. But, she was asking for the wrong thing and had to learn this lesson. Godly mothers will seek only those things that God wants for the family.

Many women can be biological mothers and give birth to a child, but to raise that child in God's right way takes a special godly mother. I appreciate my mother and all other godly mothers who put their trust in Jesus, who praise God during their life, who persevere to do what is right, and who learn to seek only what God wants for them. - *Chris Reeves*