

Crabb Family - 20 Platinum Edition

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Artist: Crabb Family

Project Title: 20 Platinum Edition

Label: Daywind

Producers: Philip Morris and Jason Crabb

If you take one of the most popular groups of recent history in Southern Gospel Music, mix in 20 of their top songs and put them all on a single project, well, you have yourself a very good project! The group is the Crabb Family and these 20 songs are some of the most popular songs to come out in Southern Gospel Music over the past 20 years or so.

The project begins with "Still Holdin' On." What a great reminder that we need to keep holding on to Jesus and this proclaims that we are still holding on to Him! One of the Crabb Family classics is next as they sing "Please Forgive Me." I have never been able to hardly believe the feeling and conviction that the Crabb Family sings this song with. What a great prayer set to music and it is one that Christ will answer every single time! One of the early hit songs from the Crabb Family was "Trail Of Tears." I always loved that song and it had been a while since I heard it! "I Sure Miss You" is one of those songs that will touch you time and time again if you have lost a loved one. This song came out right around the time that my dad passed away and continued to comfort as my mom passed away several years later. I still love the song and loved hearing it again on this collection. When I think of the Crabb Family's big songs I always think of "The Lamb, The Lion and The King." A great, upbeat song with a wonderful message!

Probably the best known Crabb Family song is "Through The Fire." It is one of those songs that becomes an instant classic and there are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of people who have been touched by that song. I love the song and it has encouraged me many times. "Don't You Wanna Go" is another of those fast paced songs that the Crabb Family could always burn up a stage with! The beauty of it is that these songs were also lyrically strong. Next on the

project is "I've Come To Take You Home." It is a beautiful song with another incredible message, The Crabb Family has always been known for their songs of encouragement and one of the best I ever heard is "That's No Mountain." That song is next and leads us to another song of encouragement with "The Reason That I'm Standing."

"Please Come Down To Me" is another of those thought provoking ballads that the Crabb Family became famous for. What a great plea to God and an even greater truth to know that God will come down to you no matter where you are. Another upbeat song is next with "The Walk." I love this song that talks about that walk we take down the aisle to accept Christ as our Savior! The tempo slows down quite a lot as the group sings "The Cross" next. I am very partial to songs about the Cross and I have always believed that this was one of the best on that subject! "Greater Is He" is a wonderful song that is sure to create some excitement no matter where you are listening to it! Gerald Crabb wrote most of the songs on this project but the Crabb Family can certainly sing the classics as well and they absolutely set the stage on fire every time they sang the Dottie Rambo classic, "I've Never Been This Homesick Before."

Next on the project is "Shepherd's Call." I have always enjoyed the message of this song about the call that Jesus has continuously on our lives. "He Came Looking For Me" is another of those songs about Jesus keeping us safe once we have found Him. The Crabb Family sings another classic song next with "I'd Rather Have Jesus." I really enjoy the Crabb Family version of this song that was a favorite of my mom and brings back such great memories to me. Another Southern Gospel classic is next with "I Go To The Rock." It is another fine job on a beautiful classic song from the history of Southern Gospel Music. The project closes out with "Redeemer." This song is a little different than the other songs on this project but the message is still great and I very much enjoy the song.

The Crabb Family has been responsible for so many great songs I am not sure how they narrowed it down to just twenty. This project is a must have for any Crabb Family fan and if you are newer to Southern Gospel Music and not too familiar with this group, well this project is one that you will love! Favorite songs are hard to pick from a project that is full of favorite songs. I chose three songs that have spoken to me over the years and they are; "Through The Fire," "I Sure Miss You" and "The Walk." As I said, it is a project full of favorite songs and you really cannot go wrong with this collection of incredible songs. For more information on the Crabb Family, visit their website at www.crabbfamily.com.