

LIFE and IMMORTALITY

Let me remind you of the series of six aorist participles in 2 Tim.1:8-12. These six aorist participles are part of the package of grace salvation (saved, called, granted, revealed, abolished, and brought to light).

In today's text, we have the last three aorist participles (**revealed** / phaneroo) and (**abolished** / katargeo) and (**brought to light** / photizo).

There is also an important Greek grammar connective sequence of these last three aorist participles.

“But now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who (**men / on the one hand**) abolished death and (**de / on the other hand**) brought life and immortality to light through (dia+acc of means) the gospel.”

This lesson will study five aspects of the doctrine of Life and Immortality.

NOTE: Life and Immortality are given to every person who believes The Gospel of Jesus Christ; that Jesus died for his sins, was buried and raised on the third day to give eternal life (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; 2 Tim.1:10).

- 1. The Greek word for immortality is aphtharsia. It consists of the alpha privative (a / without) and phtharsia (corruption or perishing). When placed together they are translated “without corruption or imperishable.”**

There is also another Greek word that is translated immortal (athanasia). It is translated “without spiritual death or deathless.” Both words are used in 1 Cor.15:53-54 (imperishable / aphtharsia) and immortality (athanasia).

Aphtharsia means not liable to Adam's Original Sin (AOS) which resulted in the corruption or decay of the body (2 Cor.4:16-18; Acts 2:31; Ps.16:10).

“The heathen concept of the immortality of the soul is not biblical. Immortality belongs to the realm of the body as it affects the whole redeemed man.” (Unger, pg.520)

- 2. The possession of eternal life guarantees a future immortal body (2 Tim.1:10; John 3:16; 3:36; 10:28; 11:25-26; Rom.2:7).**

God is immortal.

(Rom.1:23) “And exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

The immortal word of God (gospel) gives immortality to those born again.

(1 Pet.1:23; 1Tim. 1:17; 6:16) “For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.”

“The possession of eternal life guarantees a future immortality either by translation or resurrection but the body of the saved person is only potentially immortal (Rom.8:22-23; 2 Cor.5:1-5).” (Unger, pg.519)

3. Every believer will receive his immortal resurrection body according to his dispensational order.

(1 Cor.15:20-23) “But each in his own order: Christ the first fruit, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

There will be four dispensational orders of the First Resurrection.

- 1 st Christ, the first fruit
- 2 nd Church age believers (Rapture) (1 Cor.15:50-58)
- 3 rd Jewish age believers (end of the Tribulation)
- 4 th Gentile and Millennium age believers “rest of the dead” of Rev.20:5-6.

It is interesting that Paul refers to eschatological crowns as imperishable or immortal (1 Cor.9:25).

4. Paul used eight different analogies to contrast physical body in death and the resurrection body in eternal life (1 Cor.15:22, 42-49).

First Adam: Physical body in death

Sown
Perishable
Dishonor
Weakness
Natural
Earthly
Spiritual death
Unclothed

Second Adam: Resurrection in life

Raised
Imperishable
Glory
Power
Spiritual
Heavenly
Spiritual deathless
Clothed

5. The unsaved have NO hope in the First Resurrection.

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has NO power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.” (Rev.20:6)

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.” (1 Thess.4:13)

“And shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.” (John 5:29; Rev.20:11-15)

“And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Rev.20:14-15)

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Eph.4:30)

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

“A glorified body that is immortal, deathless, painless and sinless which is united to the redeemed soul and spirit.” (Unger, 519)