Bringing Life & Immortality to Light
(2 Timothy 1:10)

Faith’s Foundation Series
2 Tim 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel ...
Life Misunderstood

Cultural Confusion

Death Confusion

Religious Confusion

Why?

A Bible Mystery

Life Explained in Scripture
A Mystery

Colossians 1:26-27 (Wey)
The truth which has been kept secret from all ages and generations, but has now been revealed to His people, to whom it was His will to make known how vast a wealth of glory ... the truth that “Christ is in you, the hope of glory.”

Glory
Honor
Immortality
Eternal Life
(Rom 2:7)

Revealed to His People
Zoe NT (Noun) life (literally or figuratively)

Zao NT (Verb) to live (literally or figuratively)

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

All Life is From GOD
1 Corinthians 15:12-56 * Christ’s resurrection * in Adam all die * Christ firstfruits * order * God gives bodies * celestial & terrestrial * perishable & imperishable * dishonor & glory * weakness & power * natural & spiritual bodies * 1st & last Adam * flesh not inherit spiritual * raising sleeping saints * moment in twinkling * death swallowed up *

1 Corinthians 15

Paul Provides A Detailed Explanation
Death Introduced

Gen 2:17 ... In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

1 Cor 15:21-22
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die ...
Life is Short

1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

James 4:14 For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
2 Sam 14:14-15 (NLT) All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again.

But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.
Eccl 3:11-12 (TLB)  ... God has planted eternity in the hearts of men, even so, many cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.
Job 14:13-14

O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If a man die, shall he live again?
Path to Life Revealed

1 Cor 15:21-22 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Resurrection is the Key
Assurance of New Life

Acts 24:15 ... there shall be a resurrection of the dead ...

John 5:28-29 ... ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth ...
Rom 6:23  For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Perishable
Phthartos NT - decayed, (by implication perishable)

Opposite

Lasting
Aionios NT - perpetual, eternal, forever, everlasting

Lasting Life Promised
Eternal & Everlasting Life in KJV

**Eternal Life**
- Matt 19:16
- Mark 10:17, 10:30
- Luke 10:25, 18:18
- John 3:15, 5:39, 6:68
- John 10:28, 17:2
- Acts 13:48
- Rom 2:7, 5:21, 6:23
- 1 Tim 6:12, 6:19
- Titus 1:2, 3:7
- 1 John 1:2, 2:25
- 1 John 3:15, 5:11, 5:20
- Jude 21

**Everlasting Life**
- Matt 19:29
- John 3:16
- John 3:36
- John 4:14
- John 5:24
- John 6:27
- John 6:40
- John 6:47
- Acts 13:46
- Rom 6:22

*Strongs #166*

*Same Greek Word*
Immortal Life

NT #110 athanasia - deathless (immortal)

NT #861 aphthrsia - incorruptibility; genitive case unending existence

NT #862 aphthartos – undecaying (in essence or continuance)

Immortality is the perpetuity of existence after it has once begun (McClintocks and Strongs)
Immortal
Incorruptible

- Mark 16:8
- Rom 1:23
- Rom 2:7
- 1 Cor 9:25
- 1 Cor 15:42
- 1 Cor 15:50
- 1 Cor 15:52
- 1 Cor 15:53
- 1 Cor 15:54
- Eph 6:24
- 1 Tim 1:17
- 1 Tim 6:16
- 2 Tim 1:10
- 1 Pet 1:4
- 1 Pet 1:23
- 1 Pet 3:4
Immortal Characteristics

1 John 4:12 ... God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Cor 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body ...

1 Cor 15:54 ... and this mortal shall have put on immortality ...
John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...

Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life.

Rev 20:6 ... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
**Immortal Characteristics**

**John 5:26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

**Rev 20:6** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power ...

**1 Cor 15:43** ... It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power ...

**Heb 11:40** ... They without us should not be made perfect.
Qualities of Immortality

- GOD is Love
- Perfect (1 Pet 5:10)
- Spiritual Body (1 Cor 15:44)
- Immortal Nature (1 Cor 15:54)
- Lasting Life (John 10:28)
- Glorious Position (Rom 2:7)
- Honored Office (Rev 20:6)
- Inherent Life (John 5:26)
- Death Proof (Rev 20:6)
- Power (1 Cor 15:43)
- Can Create Life (Heb 11:40)
- Loving (1 John 4:12)
Immortal Nature

Mortal Nature

All Sustenance Comes From Immortal Beings

Immortal Life Has No Needs

Mortal Needs
- Life Force
- Outside Energy
- Environment
- Food, Water, Shelter
Life - Duration

Nature

Immortal Nature

Mortal Nature

Duration

Lasting Life

Immortal Nature is Always Lasting

Lasting Life

Mortal Nature Can Be Dying or Lasting

Mortal Life Can Last Forever
1 Cor 15:38, 40  But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. ...

There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

God Gives Bodies As He Pleases

Spiritual & Natural Bodies
Resurrection of “His Church”

Mortal ➔ Immortal
Dishonor ➔ Glory
Weakness ➔ Power
Flesh ➔ Spirit

1 Cor 15:41-44  ... Star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
Rom 2:6-8 (NIV) God will give to each person according to what he has done.

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

**Seekers**

**Promised**
- Highest Spiritual
- Highest Office
- Immortal Nature
- Lasting Life

**Self-Seekers**

**Receive**
- Tribulation

**Church Understands & Seeks**
Christ the Firstfruits

1st Christ - *1 Cor 15:20*
2nd Sleeping in Christ - *1 Cor 15:51*
3rd Twinkling Eye - *1 Cor 15:52*

*1 Cor 15:23* But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Afterward the World (earthly) *1 Cor 15:23*
1 Cor 9:25-26 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

They do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
James 1:12  Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Immortality Requires Proving
Immortality of Jehovah

Deut 33:27  The eternal God is thy refuge ...

Isa 46:9-10  ... For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning ...

1 Tim 1:17  Unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD - No Beginning  ⇔  No End
Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself ...

2nd Immortal Being
Mystery of Life

1 Cor 2:7  But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

Mark 4:11  ... Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God ...

Col 1:27  To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
1 Peter 1:3-5 (NAS) Blessed be God ... who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Eph 1:18, 22 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints ... And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church

Promise to the Called
Mystery Revealed: Glory, Honor & Immortality
Thy Kingdom Come

Matt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Heb 11:40  ...They without us should not be made perfect.

1 Cor 15:26  ... The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
Future of Life

- **GOD**
- **Christ**
- **Glorified Church**
- **Great Company**
- **Angels**
- **Humans**
- **Animals**
- **Plants**
- **Inanimate**

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**Animals Not Promised Lasting Life**
In the Ages to Come

Celestial
- GOD
- Christ
- Glorified Church

Great Company
- Angels

Terrestrial
- Man
- Animals
- Plants

Inanimate

Immortal Life

Mortal Life
Matt 13:11  ... Unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven ...
1 Cor 15:58  Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Rev 2:10  ... Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To GOD be the glory forever!  Amen.