

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:16 and when the clock tolled noon we were in the process of a word study of $\alpha\theta\alpha\nu\alpha\sigma\iota\alpha$ translated “immortality.”
2. Before we complete that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:12-15.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life for it was to this life that God called you. You have often provided a dedicated life of faith while firmly professing that faith before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:13 Timothy, I command you in the sight of God and before Jesus Christ the creator of all things, Who made a profound confession before Pontius Pilate;”

1Ti 6:14 Timothy you must keep on demonstrating that which Christ professed: a profession, intact, unsullied, irreproachable and unblameable until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Rapture:

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4. The entire verse sixteen has been translated in the KJV:

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1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

WHO ONLY HATH IMMORTALITY, $\text{ο μονος εχω αθανασια}$

1. **Ho Monos Echo Athanasia** is better “Who, the Christ is most certainly the only one possessing an inherent immortality ...”
2. **Monos** is a monadic adverb followed by the verb **Echo** parsed as a present active participle and the noun **Athanasia** declined as an accusative singular.
3. **Monos** as we saw last week appears often in the New Testament.

4. **Echo** appears more than 400 times in the New Testament where it is used as the “have and to hold verb.”

5. **Athanasia** appears three times in Scripture where it is translated “immortality.” Besides our verse we find **Athanasia** in 1Co 15:53 and 54. Interestingly, **Athanasia** is a compound consisting of the common word for death “**Thanatos**” with the negative descriptive alpha thus “no death.” Examples:

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on **immortality**.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on **immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

6. In the USA we have this past year seen clearly the meaning of 1Co 15:55.

7. With the death of Billy Graham and John McCain and the memorial services, tributes and TV specials related thereto, Jesus Christ has been declared to be the Son of God.

8. In the Rotunda, the White House and on the Senate floor we have seen death swallowed up in victory.

9. I think it appropriate to review several points from my *Doctrine of Deaths*.

10. There are seven kinds of death mentioned in Scripture.

11. The seven are: spiritual, physical, operational, positional, temporal, sexual, and a second death.

- Spiritual death is mentioned in:

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

- Physical death is when the soul separates from the body as described in:

Mat 8:22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
Rom 8:39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Co 5:1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2Co 5:2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,

2Co 5:3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

2Co 5:4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

2Co 5:5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

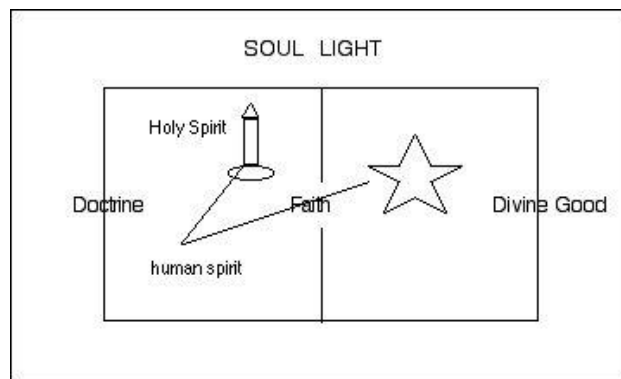
2Co 5:6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

2Co 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Phi 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

- Operational death is a failure to produce divine good because there is no doctrine in the soul to produce. Without doctrine in the soul there is no divine good. Metabolized doctrine will produce divine good.



2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

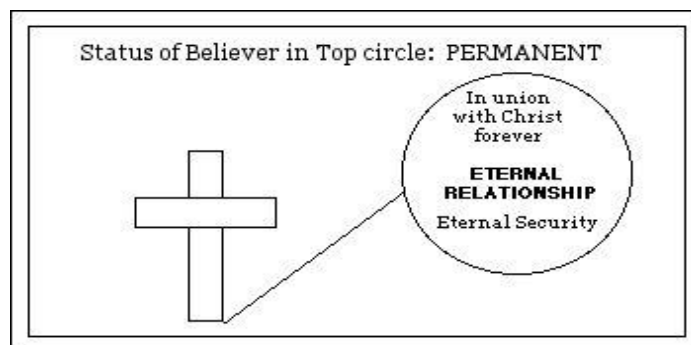
Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

2Ti 3:16: All scripture is God breathed and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2Ti 3:17: In order that the man of God might be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

- Positional death is our identification with Christ in His death. This occurs when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive our reconciliation.



Col 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

Col 2:13 b. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Rom 6:9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Rom 6:10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Rom 6:11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

- Temporal death is being out of fellowship because of unconfessed sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

- Sexual death is inability to produce children:

Rom 4:16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

Rom 4:17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Rom 4:18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Rom 4:19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

Rom 4:20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

Rom 4:21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Rom 4:22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Heb 11:11 By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

Heb 11:12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

- The second death is for those who appear as unbelievers at the Great White Throne.

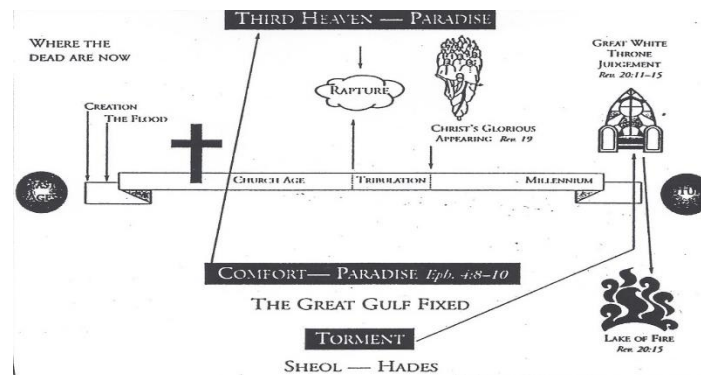
Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.



12. In closing let me review the four judgments that have eschatological significance. Recall death always is preceded by a judgment.

- The judgment of the nation of Israel at the Second Advent

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

- The judgment of the Gentile nations

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Mat 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Mat 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Isa 34:1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

Isa 34:2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

Joe 3:11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Joe 3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

Joe 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Joe 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

- The special judgment of certain fallen angels

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

- The judgment of the Great White Throne

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

13. Now let's return to the study of 1Ti 6:16. Let's first see how the verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:16 Sentence Continues

Christ is most certainly the only one possessing an inherent immortality ...

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