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# Heaven and Hell

## Lesson 6

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First Timothy chapter 6 will be our starting place. You can be glad you are a Christian and you can enjoy life as a saved person. I have always found life to be worth living, but if this is all there is; it is not worth the price of admission, because with this comes the heartache and the sorrow and the grief and the pain; In the very near future we are going to a place where there will be nothing to pray about, no burden to bear; no sorrow to shame, no grief, no guilt, no wrestling with the flesh and no striving for victory over temptation. It is over! It is just joy and rejoicing and excitement and happiness.

The Bible has a great deal to say regarding this. Paul writing to Timothy here in First Timothy 6:13. ***I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things*** [God gives life, nobody else can give life; anything that has life, God gave it life.] ***and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** So according to the Holy Spirit, it does matter how you live, even if you're saved. There would not be any point giving commandments if it were not better for you to keep them or not keep them. There would not be any point in having a Bible that encourages us to live above rebuke till Jesus came if it did not matter how you lived till Jesus came. So it does matter!...***until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate.*** Jesus is the supreme and the only Potentate; He's the only one who has power to run this whole thing and to run it right. He's going to show you one day that He's the King of Kings and that He's the Lord of Lords.

Verse 16, ***Who only*** [He's the only one] ***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.*** Everybody else but God is mortal and is subject to mortality; This means you are going to die. Death is superior to you. And the only being in this universe that has immortality that is power over death, power over the end of physical life, is the Lord Jesus Christ. He laid down His life on the cross, death did not over take him; He over took death. Death did not defeat Him; He defeated death. And to prove that, He said, "I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again." Now the proof of immortality is not that you don't ever die – the proof is you took death on and defeated it, when Jesus was speaking on the Mount of Transfiguration, the Bible says in Luke 9 he spoke with Moses and Elijah about His death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. That is the only death in history that has been an accomplishment. Every other death has been a failure because once death lays hold upon a mortal; it does not let him go. Only God has power over death.

2 Timothy 1:8, ***Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9 Who hath saved us*** [Past tense] ***and called us*** [Past tense] ***with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*** [That means exactly what it says. As soon as you get in Christ Jesus, you get what God has for you in Christ Jesus and as always had for you in Christ Jesus. It is not according to your works; it is according to His grace.] Now look, ***but is now*** [What wasn't revealed before? His purpose.] ***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:***

Jesus Christ has abolished death yet physically we are still going to die. He has brought life and yet we are still going to leave this body in the grave. He has brought immortality to light through the gospel, yet we are still living in a mortal body. Comparing Second Timothy 1 to First Timothy chapter 6 and it is quite evident that only God has immortality. But He has chosen to

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impart that immortality to all those in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. We do not have immortality. We do not have power over death, but Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, not only has immortality, the power over death; but He has chosen to give that to us. It is not ours, it is His, but He allows us to get in on it. That is a blessing! So I have more than this mortal body.

Romans 2 says all the Gentiles long for immortality; but they cannot acquire it because only Jesus has it. First Corinthians 15: 35, ***But some men will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? Thou fool...*** Why such an harsh answer from the Holy Spirit? Because He is addressing a man here; who wants to make rising from the dead an intellectual exercise and a study rather than throwing up his hands and saying Glory to God. Hallelujah! I'm getting up from the grave and living forever with the Lord. Who cares what kind of body you're in. Who cares what color it is, or what gender or what height, what it looks like? Why sit around and talk about what you are going to "look like" when the attention that was paid to "look like" has always been the problem of our flesh on earth? You think you are going to get to Heaven and say "I sure wish I could look like her." "I sure wish God would have made me looking like him." It is an earthly thing. We are talking about the resurrection; we are talking about eternal life and all people want to do is sit around and debate on what we're going to look like.

Verse 36 ***Thou fool***, [The Lord said, "Wait, get your mind back on God and get it off your body."] ***that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:*** [Death proceeds life – that's the Bible pattern – you get the negative first, then the positive.] ***37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.*** Here's another Bible illustration – You are sitting in "the kernel." You are sitting in "the husk." You are sitting in "the shell." Inside, this is what is going to survive into life eternal.

Verse 38, ***But God giveth it*** [that is the grain on the inside] ***God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him. And to every seed his own body.*** Biblically, we ought to just settle on the fact that God made you fearfully and wonderfully and it pleased Him to make you just like He made you. Verse 39. ***All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.*** [So when He says that all flesh is not the same flesh – he's not talking about different types of people – He makes that very clear. He says the flesh of men is different from the flesh of beasts and the flesh of beasts is different from the flesh of fishes and the flesh of fishes is different from the flesh of birds. No missing links, no gaps in between; no difference between brown, red, black, white and yellow flesh; its man's flesh, or its beast flesh, or bird flesh or it is fish flesh.

Verse 40; ***There are also celestial bodies*** [Angels. They have bodies.] ***and bodies terrestrial;*** [There are bodies that dwell in the planets and solar system and there's bodies that dwell on the earth] ***but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. So also is*** [Let's get the context here. He said the context is verse 35 and 36. Why are you worrying about what you are going to look like. The context is verse 38, God will give you a body and it will be the one that pleases Him.] ***So also is the resurrection of the dead.*** So you are going to receive a body, it'll be suitable for your environment and your surroundings and it will be pleasing to God. So leave it at that. Anything else is unnecessary speculation. God has a plan.

First Corinthians 15:42, ***So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption;*** [Do you know that that means? Worms, bugs, bacteria are going to get it. You are going to be supper for the things you swatted all your life.] ***It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*** Now look. What is sown? Your body, if the Bible means what it says and it does, then the same body that was sown is going to be raised. What was it when God started? It was nothing, and He built it out of nothing by His power. I'm sure He will have no problem re-assembling it when He gets ready. He spoke the worlds into existence; He sure can put this bag

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(you and I) of molecules back together when He gets ready. God will not forget where He left you and how He made you. He's big enough; He can handle it!

***It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory:*** There is nothing honourable about a corpse. There is nothing honourable about a body laying in a casket and then be buried in that ground; This is not to be offensive or hurtful, but the Bible says, "It is a dishonourable thing." A lifeless body is not something to honour and these pagan religions that tote mummies around and prop dead ancestors in the corner and adore them and worship them and bring them food and gifts is senseless! It is a corpse.

Our blessed hope is not this body, because it is sown in dishonour, but that it is raised in glory. We don't know what our body is going to look like, but it is going to be glorious and it is going to be something that excites the hosts of Heaven. It is sown in weakness. It is raised in power. What the Lord wants from us is that we own up to we are in this life in this body and quit being so preoccupied with it; and get excited about looking forward to what we will be. It is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body. We can't explain that.

First Corinthians 15: 45. ***And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*** [Adam had life; Jesus gives life. See there is the superiority.] ***46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural*** [So we are going to get through this life first.] ***and afterward*** [So there is an afterward, after the death of your physical body] ***that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the lord from heaven.*** I'm going to get a body like His, but we don't know what it is going to look like! And neither did the people that saw Him every time. Every time He showed up, He looked different. They saw Him, one week and a week later they saw Him and they didn't even know who He was.

First Corinthians 15: 48, ***As it the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and is in heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.*** [So I'm going to have a body like the rest of the people up there; just like now I have a body like the rest of the people down here] ***49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*** [We don't get the specifics on what it is but we have the assurance, that it is ours.] ***50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*** Now the kingdom of God is a spiritual thing. So people read this verse and they try to make a body of flesh and blood equate to what you are going to be like in the resurrection; the flesh and blood is an equation matching the kingdom of God. It is John 1:12. Your birth of the flesh and your birth in a mortal body, is not sufficient. You have to receive Jesus Christ and have a new birth to get into the kingdom of God. In like manner, your corrupt body cannot inherit corruption. You have to get out of the realm of flesh and blood birth and have a new birth to be part of the kingdom of God. And you have to get out of a corrupt body to enjoy the incorrupt body in heaven. That's the comparison. The comparison is if all you have is flesh and blood birth you cannot inherit the kingdom of God, you have to have a spiritual birth; and if all you have is a corrupt body you can not enjoy heaven, you have to get an incorrupt body.

First Corinthians 15:51, ***Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:*** The trump is the note played by the trumpet. At the last trump, the last note; sounded by that revalee or that alarm and "swoosh", we're out of here! He said the trumpet is going to sound and we are going to leave. He simply said ***for the trumpet shall sound shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,*** Now, in the context, you can't make that anybody's soul. You can't make that anybody's spirit. Every verse in the passage has been the body is corrupt; the body is buried; the body is weak; and so the Lord's going to sound that trumpet and guess what? My body's coming up! And He says, the dead shall be raised incorruptible. ***And we shall be changed.*** [That's everybody that is saved.]

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First Corinthians 15:53 ***For this corruptible must put on incorruption*** [That's the bodies that are in the grave, are gonna be raised up and change] ***and this mortal*** [that's those that are alive and remained at his coming] ***must put on immortality***: [So if you die and your body's buried; it is going to be changed from corruption to incorruption and if you're alive and you're caught up from a living state] "...***this mortal...***" is in reference to a body subject to death and mortal is going to put on immortality. Either way, when the trumpet sounds and when the Lord calls, it will be a wonderful thing. And yet that God that made us spirit and soul and body; is not going to leave us incomplete in eternity. I'm not going to be a soul without a body; I'm not going to be spirit without a soul; I'm going to be spirit and soul and body, but it won't be this body in its present state. It will be this body changed into a glorious incorruptible powerful body.

First Corinthians 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.*** The Bible is an eternal book and it will never be re-written. So an eternal God that speaks of things that right now are in our future as though they had all ready happened because He is not going to re-write this Bible. God wrote in His Bible, Death is swallowed up in victory. In anticipation of the day that it would be fulfilled; we are risen with Christ, written as though it had already taken place. We are right now seated with Christ in heavenly places and yet our spirit and our soul and our bodies are right here of earth. There are things that God has written regarding our future that He has written in the present tense because out there where God is in eternity, He sees the end from the beginning and He sees the saved born again believers one day dwelling in a deathless, incorruptible body.

First Corinthians 15:55. ***O death*** [This is the Holy Spirit ridiculing death.] ***where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?*** [Grave had victory for 4000 years. Somebody defeated the grave. ***The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us*** [Jesus is the only one who has immortality, but He gives it to us.] ***The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*** [Not through your good works, not through your membership, not through your baptism, through our Lord Jesus Christ] ***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.*** He said keep going - you are not getting older, you are not falling apart, So keep on going and keep on serving the Lord Jesus because we are almost there. Immortality! We have it right now. It hasn't kicked in yet, in the physical sense, but in the apparent sense; it is mine. God gave it to us; He is the only one that's had it; we came to Him and He gave it to us. That's the blessed hope!

Notes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. According to the Holy Spirit does it matter how you live? Why?
2. According to 1 Timothy 6:3 who is the blessed and only Potentate? Why is He called this?
3. Define the "proof of Immortality."
4. What does 1 Corinthians 15:38 mean?
5. What does immortality mean?
6. Who is the "we" referring to in the phrase "and we shall be changed" found in 1 Corinthians 15:52?
7. Explain 1 Corinthians 15:55.
8. Explain 1 Corinthians 15:50.
9. Explain the difference found in 1 Corinthians 15:42, It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.
10. What is the Biblical illustration found in 1 Corinthians 15:37?
11. Our blessed \_\_\_\_ is not this \_\_\_\_ because it is sown in \_\_\_\_\_, but that it is raised in \_\_\_\_\_. *(Fill in the blanks)*
12. The Bible is an eternal book and it will never be re-written. Why is this statement used in regards to 1 Corinthians 15:54?

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13. What is the blessing that is found in 2 Timothy 1:10?
14. Now everybody else but God is \_\_\_\_\_ and is subject to \_\_\_\_\_. That means you are not \_\_\_\_\_ to death. \_\_\_\_\_ is superior to you.
15. I'm going to be spirit and soul and body, but it won't be this \_\_\_\_\_ in it is \_\_\_\_\_ state. It will be this \_\_\_\_\_ changed into a glorious \_\_\_\_\_ powerful \_\_\_\_\_.

### True/false

- Death is swallowed up in victory
- The Bible pattern is the negative first, then the positive.
- Your corrupt body cannot inherit corruption.
- Paul said, the dead shall be raised incorruptible.
- The trump is the note played by the trumpet.



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any questions?