

Romans Lesson 10

Chapter 2: 7–11

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7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **8** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, **9** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; **10** But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: **11** For there is no respect of persons with God. **Romans 2:7-11**

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Verse 7:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and **immortality**, (FM) eternal life:

#70 **Immortality**. This word appears five times in the KJB.

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

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

1 Cor. 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."

1 Tim. 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."

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:"

#70 Immortality

In 1 Cor. 15:53 and 54 the word is antonymous to mortal. In 1 Tim.6:16, Paul refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as having immortality, and in 2 Tim.1:10, he tells Timothy that life and immortality have been brought to light by the gospel.

What is this gospel? It is the same gospel found in 1 Cor. 15:1-4:

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

#70 Immortality

Note that nowhere in the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ does he use the word immortality. It is only *after* his death, burial, and resurrection that the term immortality is introduced, and it is introduced first by the Apostle Paul. Indeed, even *before* the Lord Jesus Christ's ministry, the quality of immortality as we now know it did not exist. He did speak of *eternal life* and used that phrase eleven times during his earthly ministry.

The phrase *eternal life* cannot be found in the Old Testament. Interestingly, the first use of immortality by Paul in Rom.2:7 also has *eternal life* and is written such that it **defines** immortality by the placement of the comma:

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and **immortality**, eternal life."

Wycliffe (1390) used *vndeedylnesse* (undeadliness) in 1 Cor. 15:53-54 and 1 Tim.6:16 to describe the quality of immortality. See Table 70 below. It was for Tyndale to give the words *immortality* and *immortal* to the English language. See the Appendix Table E for other words originating with William Tyndale. As noted previously, Shakespeare used immortal, but I do not find him using immortality. Later on, John Milton (1608-1674) used the word in several of his writings, including *Paradise Lost*:

"And **immortality**: that fondly lost." John Milton Book XI
<http://www.online-literature.com/milton/paradiselost/11/>

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Source/Text	Rom.2:7	1 Cor.15:53	1 Cor.15:54	1 Tim.6:16	2 Tim. 1:10
KJB	immortality	immortality	immortality	immortality	immortality
RHE	incorruption	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie	illuminated
BIS	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie
GEN	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie	immortalitie
GRT	immortalyte	immortalite	immortalite	immortalyte	immortalite
MAT	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite
COV	vncorruption	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite
TYN	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite	immortalite
WYC	vncorruption	vndeedylnesse	-	vndeedylnesse	vncorruption
STR 861/110	αφθαρσία (aphtharsia)	αθανασία (athanasia)	αθανασία (athanasia)	αθανασία (athanasia)	αφθαρσία (aphtharsia)

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Verse 8:

8 But unto them that are **contentious**, (1 Cor. 11:16, Jude 3)
and do not obey the truth,
but obey unrighteousness,
indignation and wrath, FM: Deut. 29:28, 2 Ki. 3:27, Jer. 10:10, Rev.
14:10

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Verse 9

Tribulation and anguish,
upon every soul of man that
doeth evil,
of the Jew first,
and also **of** the Gentile;

Verse 10

But glory, honour,
and peace, **to** every man that
worketh good,
to the Jew first,
and also **to** the Gentile:

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Verse 11:

11 For **there is** no respect of persons with God. (Ac.10:34,
Col.3:25)

- “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”
Rom. 9:13
- Peter perception was correct, and confirmed by our Apostle Paul
- There was a distinction before the Mystery was revealed,
and there will be after the Body of Christ is taken out.

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Verse 7	TO THEM	BUT UNTO THEM	Verse 8
	Patient continuance	Contentious	
	Well doing	Do not obey	
	Glory	Unrighteousness	
	Honour	Indignation	
	Immortality	Wrath	
	Eternal Life	Tribulation	Verse 9
Verse 10	Peace	Anguish	
	Worketh good	Doeth evil	
