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UNTO IMMORTALITY

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It is so easy for us to examine ourselves in the natural and miss seeing what the Lord has invested in us- He has invested Himself in us. He has faithfully and painstakingly taught us, strengthened us, comforted us and kept us in the Way. He is the One who has called us and has never failed us. By the power of His resurrection in us, He has made us free from sin and He is bringing us as His firstfruits to the place of "immortality."

Immortality is a dimension of life where one possesses a body that is not subject to death. Paul wrote that *"This mortal MUST put on immortality."* Death is the result of Sin and when there is no sin, there is no more death.

In his epistle to Timothy Paul states, *"...Blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, WHO ONLY HATH IMMORTALITY, dwelling in the light that no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."* (I Tim.1: 15b-16)

Paul was speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ who overcame death in the flesh and became the first and only to obtain immortality. Jesus was *"...declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."* (Rom.1: 4)

Lazarus was dead four days when he was raised from the dead. His sister Martha told Jesus, Lord after four days, *"He stinketh."* Because Jesus had no sin, Jesus was raised from the dead without seeing

the stink of corruption. His own mortal body put on a body that could no longer die. Jesus died on the cross but He did not see corruption. Jesus had no sin therefore death had no hold on Him. The Father offered Him as a Lamb without blemish to atone for the sins of the world. Jesus had power over death but He died when He voluntarily laid His life down; no man took it from Him.

David had prophesied concerning Jesus, *"Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption...He seeing this spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."* (Acts 2: 27, 31)

Jesus told Martha and all of us, *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"* (Jn.11: 24) Resurrection is the power that works in us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ. He dwells within the believers who receive Him.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, He became the firstborn among many brethren. He showed us His body of glory, the same body that He had before only now it was no longer a mortal body. Jesus had obtained immortality.

Immortality is when CORRUPTIBLE puts on INCORRUPTION. It is when the death that in THESE bodies is swallowed up by His resurrection Life without seeing corruption. It is when absolutely no sin is found within that death has been conquered in the flesh.