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Scriptures, Questions, & Assignment

1. What did you learn from your study of Genesis 2:15-17, Ecclesiastes 9:3-10, Matthew 10:28-30, and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 this past week?
2. Is it important to know if your soul is naturally immortal? Why or why not?

Edward Fudge: *“One issue alone divides traditionalists and conditionalists: Does Scripture teach that God will make the wicked immortal, to suffer unending conscious torment in hell? Or does the Bible teach that the wicked will finally and truly die, perish, and become extinct forever, through a destructive process that encompasses whatever degree and duration of conscious torment God might sovereignly and justly impose in each individual case?”* (*The Fire that Consumes* – 3rd Edition, Edward W. Fudge, Foreword to the 3rd Edition).

Genesis 2:7 (NLT): *Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.* (**Genesis 2:7**, NLT)

Ezekiel 18:4 (NLT): *“... And this is my rule: The person [soul] who sins is the one who will die.”* (**Ezekiel 18:4**, NLT)

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 (NLT): *Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don’t wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well. For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.* (**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**, NLT)

3. How do you gain immortality? Have you made this choice? What evidence is there in your life to support this?

Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT): *“You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”* (**Genesis 2:16-17**, NLT)

Genesis 3:1-5 (NLT): *The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”*

“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” (**Genesis 3:1-5**, NLT)

Genesis 3:22-23 (NLT): *Then the LORD God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden ...* (**Genesis 3:22-23**, NLT)

John 3:16 (NLT): *“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”* (**John 3:16**, NLT)

Romans 6:23 (NLT): *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.* (**Romans 6:23**, NLT)

2 Timothy 1:8-10 (NLT): *So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord ... For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time – to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.* (**2 Timothy 1:8-10**, NLT)

Romans 2:6-7 (NLT): *He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.* (**Romans 2:6-7**, NLT)

1 Timothy 6:11-15 (CSB): *But you, man of God ... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called and about which you have made a good confession in the presence of many witnesses ... God will bring this about in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light ...* (**1 Timothy 6:11-15**, CSB)

John 5:24 (NLT): *“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”* (**John 5:24**, NLT)

Assignment

Spend a bit of time this week considering **Revelation 20 - 21**. We will continue to look at what happens to us after we die and the topic of hell.

- This week, read **Revelation 20 - 21** through several times – try reading it in several different translations.
- What do you find comforting in this passage?
- Is there anything about this passage that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- How does this passage help you understand the destruction of sin?
- What does this passage tell you about spending eternity with God?
- What is the most important message you see in this passage?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?

The Fire that Consumes

One of the best books written on the topic of hell and eternal destruction is ***The Fire that Consumes*** – 3rd Edition, Edward W. Fudge, © 2011, published by Cascade Books. To purchase a hard copy of this book, [click here](#). It’s also available as an e-book – for Apple Books, [click here](#); for Kindle Books, [click here](#); or for Nook Books, [click here](#).