The Attributes of God

God Cannot Die

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (1 Timothy 1: 17)

~ Apostle Paul

God is not only *eternal*, He is *immortal* as well. These two words are often used interchangeably but there is a difference.

God is *eternal* meaning He is without beginning or end of life God is *immortal* meaning He is not subject to death

"...Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power" (1 Tim 6: 16)

"...But has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim 1: 10)

All three persons of the Godhead is immortal

Which means:

- ► They are the source of Deathlessness
- ► They have the quality inherently
- ► They can bestow it on others

Incorruptible is attributed to the Lord as well. Not the same as *immortal* but closely related.

Meaning: Not subject to decay or corruption

Apostle Paul states that the Pagan man "changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man" (Rom 1: 23)

i.e. Exchanging worship of the Living Eternal God for a lifeless idol that would decay

The bodies of all believers and all people alike, at this present time, are mortal and corruptible.

The spirits and souls of believers are immortal.

When Christ comes, believers will receive glorified bodies, which will be both *immortal* and *in-corruptible* (1 Cor 15: 50-54)

Then mortality will be swallowed up by life (2 Cor 5: 4)

Immortality means "more than deathlessness, it suggest the quality of life enjoyed"

~ *W.*/E./Vine

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we proise."

~ Walter Chalmers Smith

What a Great & Awesome God we serve!



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