

### **A SPECIAL MESSIANIC DOXOLOGY**

Two of the three Pastoral Epistles were written to Timothy. Paul addressed Timothy as “my true son in the faith” (1 Tim.1:2 and 2 Tim.1:2). All three Pastoral Epistles were instructional writings regarding the teaching and fighting for New Covenant Grace Doctrines. Paul charged Timothy with “fighting the good fight of faith” in (1 Tim.1:18-20, and 6:12-21). In Paul’s final charge to Timothy regarding “fighting the good fight of faith” (1 Tim.6:12-21),

**Paul outlined it by four imperatives (commands).**

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| • (1 Tim.6:12a)    | Fight            | (agonize/ p.m.impv.2ps)    | the good fight         |
| • (1 Tim.6:12b-16) | <b>Take hold</b> | (epilambano/ a.m.impv.2ps) | <b>of eternal life</b> |
| • (1 Tim.6:17-19)  | Instruct         | (paraggello/ p.a.impv.2ps) | the rich               |
| • (1 Tim.6:20-21)  | Guard            | (phulasso/ a.a.impv.2ps)   | grace doctrinal faith  |

Today’s lesson comes from the third **Imperative section: TAKE HOLD OF ETERNAL LIFE** (1 Tim.6:12b-16). Paul had just introduced the doctrine of “the appearing (ten epiphaneia) of our Lord Jesus Christ” (**Rapture**) (1 Tim.6:14-15a). What followed was a **Special Messianic Doxology** (1 Tim.6:15-16) related to the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ**.

**We will study four aspects of this Special Messianic Doxology.**

#### **1. In 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy, Paul introduced two Special Messianic Doxologies (1 Tim.1:15-17 and 1 Tim.6:13-16).**

We identify special doxologies by the word, **AMEN**.

When AMEN is used by God, it means “It is and shall be so (sovereignty).” When used by men, it means “so let it be!” (volition)

In (Rev.3:14), Amen was a title given to Christ in Session to the church of Laodicea. Paul used it in:

(2 Cor.1:20) “For as many as are in the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore, also **through Him is our Amen** to the glory of God through us.”

#### **2. In the doxology of (1Tim.1:15-1), Paul introduced a Special Messianic Doxology to Jesus Christ completing His mission of the First Coming (the trustworthy statemen) [read].**

Note that the six things ascribed to Jesus Christ are because He completed His mission and returned to heaven. These six divine attributes are assigned to Jesus Christ “forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Tim.1:17)

- King eternal
- Immortal
- Invisible
- Only God
- Be honor (forever and ever)
- And glory (AMEN) “It is and shall be so – forever and ever.”

3. **In the First Coming, Jesus Christ was identified by different terms. These terms are important to the person and work of Jesus Christ for the Church Age.**

**We will mention just eleven terms:**

- Immanuel
- the name Jesus, conceived of Holy Spirit with the virgin Mary
- Only Begotten Son of God
- Beloved Son of God
- King of Jews
- Lamb of God come to take away sin of world
- Savior of world
- Savior and Bishop of the soul
- Savior and head of Church
- Chief Shepherd
- High Priest

**Messianic Doxology:**

(Jude 24-25) “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the **only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord**, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**”

4. **The nine characteristics of Divine Essence ascribed to Jesus Christ are terms important to His Second Coming (1 Tim.6:14-16).**

- He Who is the Blessed
- Only Sovereign
- The King of kings
- And Lord of lords
- Who alone possesses immortality
- And dwells in unapproachable light
- Whom no man has seen or can see
- To Him be honor
- And eternal dominion (AMEN) [“It is and shall be so – forever and ever.”]

**Second Coming:**

(Heb.9:27-28) “And inasmuch as **it is appointed** for men to **die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**”

**The Second Coming** of Jesus Christ will bring **THE END** to human history (Matt.24:6, 14).

**First Resurrection:**

**(Rev.20:5-6)** “But each in his own order Christ **the first** fruits, **after** those who are Christ’s at His coming, **then comes the end, when** He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, **when** He abolishes all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign **until** He has put all His enemies under His feet.” (1 Cor.15:23-25)