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Immortality - Indestructible Life

...[Jesus] has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. (Hebrews 7:16, ESV)

Have you ever felt indestructible on the golf course? For one brief moment, you had that feeling, “I am on a roll, and nothing is going to stop me.” While rare, those moments come along, and hardly anything compares. Perhaps you made a “fifty-footer” for six birdies in a row, and you feel invincible.

If you haven’t experienced this sense of the unconquerable, you’ve likely seen it. A recent example is Denny McCarthy’s eight birdies over the last nine holes at the 2024 Valero Texas Open.

Standing on the 10th tee, Denny was six back. Eight birdies later, walking off the 72nd green, he was tied for the lead. In the moment, he was indestructible.

Posting a 28 on your last nine has a way of making one feel invincible. Alas, chunking his wedge into the creek on the first playoff hole can bring you back down to earth.

We “go low” on the front side, and every fiber of our being suggests that today is the day we better our lowest round. An intended power fade off the tenth tee becomes a smother hook, and you are in deep weeds; after three minutes, you declare the ball lost.

Disheartened, you begin the lonely walk back to re-tee, thinking, “What if I had just....?” Then you mutter, “All good things must come to an end.” Do they?

Most recognize this platitude— “all good things come to an end” — as irrefutable. I suppose it applies to stocks, good health, occupations, a string of birdies, etc. But it most definitely does not apply to the man, Jesus.

He was alive, dead, and alive again—as in, never to die again. As the author of Hebrews says, he has the “power of an indestructible life.” Jesus is the sole reason why this truism cannot be applied to “all things.”

The idea that we can keep a good thing going forever seems like fiction.

“Only Hollywood can make that appear like a reality,” we say to ourselves. As it turns out, our deep yearning to live forever is possible.

This yearning for immortality is possible not because some biologist has broken the code or cryogenics works, as baseball legend Ted Williams hoped, but because the Author of Life has broken into this world, satisfied God’s judicial verdict and punishment for sin, conquered death, and offered us the gift of physical immortality.

Fascinatingly, the joy of life to come is not merely never-ending but ever-increasing. That is to say, unlike this life and its many disappointments, the life to come gets better and better; not only is there “no end in sight,” but there is no end at all.

Escalating joy for all eternity awaits those who entrust their life to Jesus.

Prayer: Jesus! Thank you for what many believe is unbelievable—we who follow you know the amazing truth that immortality is real.

READING: Hebrews 7:15-19, Isaiah 53: 7-12

1. Have fun thinking and talking about one of your “unbelievable runs.” Perhaps it was a string of birdies or a season of low scores. What brought it to an end?

2. Hebrews chapter 7 compares an intriguing and much-debated character named Melchizedek to Jesus. Verse 16 tells us why Jesus is not like the Old Testament priesthood. Discuss.

3. Application: Take the time to learn the habit of “thinking about the things above.” Contemplate the “ever-increasing” nature of joy.
