

There Is Another Greek Word For Eternal

One other Greek word is translated as eternal or everlasting in the KJV: aidios. It is used only twice, in the following verses.

ROMANS 1:20 KJV

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his **eternal** power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

JUDE 1:6 KJV

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in **everlasting** chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

This word aidios does mean eternal and everlasting. However, like our English word eternity, it can be limited by its context. For example, someone may say, "I waited for what seemed like an eternity, it took 24 hours to finally happen." When we hear this, we understand that the meaning of "eternity" in this statement is limited to the actual waiting time of 24 hours.

Jude 1:6 is a similar case. There the "everlasting chains" of the angels also have a limit, which is until the judgment.

This word aidios was used by other (non-Biblical) writers in Jesus' day to convey the idea of endless punishment of the wicked. But we have no record of Jesus ever using the word.

Neither do we have any record of Jesus' disciples using the word aidios in connection with any punishment except the angels (Jude 1:6), which is limited by its context to lasting only until their day of judgment.

If Jesus had meant to express the idea of endless punishment, He could have used the Greek word aidios -- but Jesus never did.