

The Nonperishables of Life

Today's Reading

1 Peter 1:1-2:3

In your kitchen at home, you will find different kinds of foods. Items like milk, eggs, and bread are often referred to as "perishable items." Meanwhile, the canned corn and the rice on your shelf are called "nonperishables." If you look closely, however, you will discover that even the corn and the rice have a date on the outside. Technically, even they are perishable. We are hard pressed to find anything today (even beyond food) that will be just as good and useful in a year, decade, generation, or century as it is today.

But the imperishable that we are hard pressed to find in the material world is available in abundance in our spiritual lives. Just ask Peter. He referenced three "nonperishables" in today's reading. Can you pick them out? Our inheritance is imperishable (1:4). The imperishable blood of Christ has redeemed us (1:18, 19). The enduring word of God has caused us to be born again (1:23).

Consider with me that last statement. "The word of the Lord stands forever." Even though your personal copy of the Bible may become tattered, dog-eared, and stained, the word of God itself will never be eliminated or outdated. Even when humans come and go; live and die, the Scriptures will remain. The Bible will not remain as an article of history placed in a museum, where people will comment, "Oh, that is how they used to think!" No, it remains as the Truth. And, in God's infinite wisdom, it remains relevant to each generation that comes and goes. It is just as germane in a world of hybrid cars and text messaging as it was in a day of horses, chariot, and writings on scrolls. Though its meaning will never change, the relevant implications and applications for a changing society may. You must seek to bring that eternal Word to bear on your life and your culture at this point in time!