

Incorruptible Things

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This world is full of corruptible, temporary things that can be defiled, destroyed, or that simply fade away. Even the physical objects here on earth which are considered to be the most durable or the most precious will eventually fade away or be destroyed! This includes our corruptible fleshly bodies: *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was...”* (Ecclesiastes 12:7). God made man’s body from *“the dust of the ground”* (Genesis 2:7), and to dust our bodies shall return. However, we also know that the entire universe will one day cease to exist! God did not create the physical universe to last forever – He gave the universe its beginning, and He will be the one who brings it to an end:

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (2 Peter 3:10-12).

When we realize that there are so many things which fade away, we should begin searching for things which are permanent and unable to be destroyed. God’s Word tells us of many incorruptible things which will never fade away:

The Incorruptible God – *“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen”* (Romans 1:22-25).

The Incorruptible Seed – *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”* (1 Peter 1:22, 23); *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”* (Matthew 24:35).

The Incorruptible Blood – *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by*

tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

The Incorruptible Love – "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible" (Ephesians 6:24 ASV).

The Incorruptible Body – "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:49-55).

The Incorruptible Ornament – "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands" (1 Peter 3:1-5).

The Incorruptible Inheritance – "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3, 4); "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:19, 20).

The Incorruptible Crown – "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:24-27).

Spiritual things are the only things that last forever! These are the things on which we need to focus our attention! All these earthly things with which we are surrounded will one day be gone. *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Colossians 3:1, 2). *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness...?”* (2 Peter 3:11).