

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1Peter 1:23-25



Properly kept, seeds can last for millennia, but the presence of moisture and the elements will cause them to rot very quickly. The grass comes up green and lush in spring, but by fall it is as dry as tinder.

The seeds fall away and the .0winter snow bends and bows the slender stalks to the earth where they disintegrate and decay. I think you can begin to see why God's Word compares our bodies to the grass of the field. Time will decay the most fervent youth and death claims every man in the end. Believers, however, look forward to the Resurrection, because we have been promised new incorruptible bodies like our Lord Jesus by the eternal Word of God. We have been given the *earnest* of our inheritance; the Comforter. He bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of the Almighty. Even though our earthly bodies may bend and bow beneath the weight of time, the incorruptible seed of God's Word has been sown in our hearts and it will spring forth into lush new Life at the Last Trump. The power of The Word is the same power that saves and keeps every penitent sinner that humbly comes and pleads for mercy at the Throne of Grace. The Word transforms each petitioner into a child of Light to shine in the darkness of sin, a beacon of hope in a hopeless world. Reflectors of the Divine glory that indwells them, believers warn of the rocks of destruction and provide sure navigation into the Harbour of Hope.

God's Word, when preached, instills in men,
The Hope of faith that conquers sin,
Death's darkened vale is feared no more,
They'll safely land on Heaven's shore. ~CGP

It is the Gospel that is the Power of God unto salvation, and there is no name given under heaven, except Jesus, whereby men can be saved. It's really phenomenal how the name of Jesus, when spoken reverently out loud in conversation, will often quiet the mouths of blasphemers and cause them to scatter like so many cockroaches. His name is a beacon of light and evil men hate it, because it penetrates their darkness and sheds light on their dirty deeds.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
Philippians 2:9-11