

CHERRY COX

by Pastor Bert

As I bit into my favorite apple the other day, it struck me that not long ago, I had never even heard of a Cherry Cox apple. I don't recall ever seeing them in the store (though I don't do the shopping). I'm quite sure I never ate one as a kid. But, quite by chance, when collecting scionwood to graft my apple trees – as many varieties as possible – I picked up one piece of Cherry Cox. Only later did I learn this to be a very old variety which is extremely popular in parts of Europe. Little did I know at the beginning, how much better that apple would be than all the rest. I think there's a lesson for our faith here: What we have grown up believing is as common and certain to us as the apples we eat. So, as we assume we know what apples taste like, we assume we understand the Christian Faith – we may never give it another thought. But in reality, there are truths of the Faith, which we have never even tasted! Some of them have been well-known and loved for centuries in other parts of the church; they are just foreign to us. So, before you just dismiss some teaching because it's not what you grew up thinking, remember the Cherry Cox!