

When the boy returned a long time later with a wide smile, his worried dad asked, "Where were you?"

"In the galley, eating three ice-cream cones and a steak dinner!"

"All that for a nickel?"

"Oh, no, the food is free," the boy replied. "It comes with the ticket."

The apostle Paul warned his readers about false teachers who were offering them "bread and cheese" instead of "steak." They were in danger of forgetting Christ's sufficiency and relying on their own self-effort (2:8,20-23). We who have trusted Christ for salvation have been assured not only of safe passage to heaven but also of everything we need to live for Him here and now (Col. 1:13-14; 2:6-15).

Christ has all we need. It comes with the "ticket." --DJD

*God freely gives His grace to all
Who on His Word rely,
For they have learned the secret of
His infinite supply. --DJD*

**Live the Christian life the same way
you began it--by trusting Christ.**



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It Comes With The Ticket

You are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. --Colossians 2:10

Author Peter Kreeft tells the story of a poor European family who saved for years to buy tickets to sail to America. Once at sea, they carefully rationed the cheese and bread they had brought for the journey.

After 3 days, the boy complained to his father, "I hate cheese sandwiches. If I don't eat anything else before we get to America, I'm going to die." Giving the boy his last nickel, the father told him to go to the ship's galley and buy an ice-cream cone.





Overcoming Error The Value of the Word IV

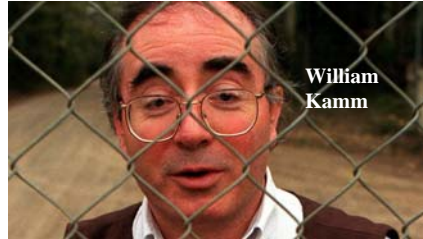
In 2 Peter 1:12-21 Peter, returning to the subject of truth, gives us four more reasons to value the Word of God:

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1. The Word is valuable because it reminds us of truth, verses 5-15
2. The Word is valuable because it records eyewitness evidence, verses 16-18
3. The Word is valuable because it speaks to our deepest needs, verses 19-21

(Matthew 7:15) *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."*

(Acts 20:29-30) *"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. {30} 'Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.'"*



[today]

4. The word is valuable because it helps us _____ and _____ with false teachers.

Peter equips his readers re false teachers in two major ways:

1. W _____, verses 1, 19-22



(1 John 2:19) *"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us."*

2. I _____,

- #1. H _____, verse 1,

(Ephesians 2:8-9) *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

- #2. Denial of the _____ of _____, verse 1

(Matthew 16:16-17) *"Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' {17} Jesus answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and*

blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

- #3. Large _____, verses 2, 14

- #4. A smokescreen for _____, verse 2

- #5. _____ motive, verse 3, 14-16

- #6. Walk in the _____, verses 9-10

(Matthew 7:15-19) *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. {16} 'You will know them by their fruits. ...{19} 'Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'"*

- #7. I _____, verses 9, 13-14, 18

- #8. P _____, verses 10-11

(Jude 1:8-9) *"Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. {9} Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"*

- #9. E _____, verse 17

(Matthew 15:14) *"... They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."*

(Matthew 23:13) *"But woe to you, .. hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in."*

(Matthew 23:15) *"Woe to you, .. hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one [convert], and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves."*

