“Buy the Truth, and Do Not Sell It”
Proverbs 23:23

Introduction:
A. Truth in religion has become a minor consideration in modern churches.
   1. More concerned with performance than truth in the pulpits.
   2. More concerned with external growth than truth in the evangelism.
   3. More concerned with personal relationships than truth in membership.
B. Truth must be bought at all cost and sold for no price (Text)
C. The text contains four implications about truth in religion.

Discussion:
I. There Is Such a Thing as Truth in Religion.
A. It is divinely revealed, not humanly discovered. (2 Pet. 1:21; John 16:13).
B. It is spiritual, not secular in nature (2 Pet. 1:3)
   1. Truth governing our relationship and responsibilities to God. (cf. 2 Thess. 2:10-12).
   2. Truth in other areas found in Bible, not all truth in all areas, only all spiritual truth.
C. It is absolute, not relative — all truth is absolute only knowledge of it relative.
D. It is objective, not subjective — not merely what each thinks is truth (cf. Acts 26:9).

II. Truth in Religion Is Exceedingly Important.
A. As seen by what it does. (John 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Rom. 2:5-8; 2 Thess. 2:12).
B. As seen by the apostles’ attitude.
   1. John (2 John 1-4).

III. Truth in Religion Must Be Obtained at All Cost.
A. The cost to those who brought it to us. (Jesus, Apostles, preachers, etc.).
B. The cost to us in terms of:
   2. Attending events where it is taught.
   3. Putting it ahead of earthly pleasure and ease.

IV. Truth in Religion Must Be Retained at All Cost.
A. We must not neglect it — let is slip away (Heb. 2:1-5).
   1. By ceasing to grow (Heb. 5:12-14).
   2. By failure to remember (2 Pet. 1:12).
B. We must not sell it out!
   1. For money (1 Tim. 6:10).
   2. For popularity (Gal. 1:10).
   3. For peace and unity (cf. Lk. 12:49-53).
   4. For ease (cf. Matt. 5:11,12).
   5. By compromise (Gal. 2:5)

Conclusion:
A. Are you ready to buy the truth?
B. Are you ready to reclaim the truth after having sold it?