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Evidences #1

Now I'd like to read as we start a couple of verses from the first chapter of I Peter.

I Peter, 1st chapter; I think I'll read the last four verses, starting with verse 25 (22)

"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 lives and abides for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away: But the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (AAM version)  
(Eisleben?)

When I was studying in Germany, one time I made a trip to Eisenoth (sp?), the town where Martin Luther was as a school boy, where he sang in the streets to get money to carry on his studies, and where, later on, he was hidden in the (barkpoor) up over the town as he made that great translation of the New Testament into German. And there in the main square in Eisenoth there is a statue, a large statue of L<sub>u</sub>ther, up on a pedestal, and on the pedestal there are these words in German, "

" "the Word of God endures forever" the word of this first half of this 25th verse of I Peter. And surely nothing could be more appropriate to the life of Martin Luther whose whole life was devoted to standing for the Word of God, and making it known.

But I was interested, a few days after I visited Eisenoth, to go to another German town, the town of Fulda (sp?) And there in Fulda, to see a Roman Catholic moonastery, and a great cathedral there, and this cathedral was in honor of St. Boniface. That intrepid man who hundreds of years before Martin Luther, came into the forests of Germany carrying the Gospel of Christ to the heathen who lived in those forests, and who eventually paid with his life for his testimony to Christ. And there in front of that cathedral was a great statue to St. Boniface. And there he stood, holding a cross in his hand, but on the pedestal of the statue I was interested to see a Latin sp?inscription, " Verbum Domini monet in ~~eternum~~ aeternum "

"The Word of God endures forever." - the very same text that was on the foot of the pedestal of Martin Luther. Now you can imagine my disappointment just a few days ago in picking up a book by a Roman Catholic about the Old Testament. In the preface to the book written by a Roman Catholic official, to read the statement, "The New Testament is not the foundation of the Church. The Old Testament is not the foundation of the Church,