

Luke is still doing damage to Satan today.

Learn all you can about Luke. This will give you a firm grip on your knowledge, perception and reasoning about your Salvation. You will need this anchor because the only book in the Bible that contain early church history is Acts. Anchor your soul in the Book of Acts. God's choice was to position Luke's books in the Bible so that all churches must go to the book of Acts to find their beginning.

Luke was a Gentile. He was a Greek who by nature sought after wisdom. Seeking after wisdom is part of the hunger of a new Christian. Luke studied medicine. Paul referred to him as "the beloved physician" in Colossians 4:14. About five hundred years before Luke, the Greek Hippocrates became the father of modern medicine. Before that time they used spooky things to cast out disease. Hippocrates taught healing was in medicine. He formulated the oath: Do thy patients no harm. This oath is still used in our day.

The knowledge of medicine was an asset to Luke's ministry. Luke understood that the Word of God was like a medicine that discerned the bad in a man's life and changed his thinking for the good. As the life of the flesh is in the blood, so the life of the spirit is in the Word. God's Word is like a capsule that dissolves in your spirit and goes straight to the part of you that needs it.

God used this Gentile to write two books in His Bible. All the other writers were Jews. Luke was a Gentile and not present when the story of Jesus took place. The Book of Luke and part of the Book of Acts were revealed to Luke by God through eyewitnesses. Luke was an eyewitness to the latter part of the Book of Acts. All other church history Luke obtained through eyewitnesses.

God does things for infinite reasons, most of which are known only to Him. Why He chose Luke to write the early church history is an interesting question. Gentile believers were in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. They were the proselytes who believed Peter's message. They were among the three thousand who were added to the church that day. God could have chosen one of those Gentiles to write His message to the Gentiles, but He didn't. One reason could be that it was not necessary to be converted to Judaism before becoming a Christian.

It is interesting to note that in A.D. 56 Paul wrote his first book to the Corinthians from Philippi, at the same time Luke was there. An important verse in that book is: I Corinthians 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (56AD) Luke was in Jerusalem with Paul in 57 or 58 AD when Jerusalem was a seedbed of eyewitnesses. The greater part of the eyewitnesses of Jesus were still alive. It had been sixty-two years since Jesus was born. He was the first-born. All His brothers and sisters were younger than sixty-two and probably alive. God sent Luke to the Jerusalem eyewitnesses to obtain His truth. In doing this God made every eyewitness an "oath for confirmation" that He had performed what He promised. One eyewitness would speak it, another eyewitness would confirm it, God would anoint it and Luke would write it.

Luke described his desire to be correct. Luke wrote his books to Theophilus saying these words in Luke 1:4 "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things.

Think of the love God had for Theophilus. God's love for him is seen in the way He put a burden on Luke to seek out eyewitnesses and confirm His plan of salvation to Theophilus. In his own mind Luke was not writing his books to be a part of a New Testament Bible. He was writing to a friend he referred to as the "most excellent" Theophilus. Luke wanted to be correct.

Luke's greatest performance was his writing the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. The witnesses said it. God confirmed it. Luke finalized it. I obeyed it. It works.