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If you will look closely at your Bible you will see God was concerned about one man in the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. That one man was Theophilus. Luke wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts to Theophilus a Gentile. We inherited these two book in our Bible. They speak to us also.

Luke 1:1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. KJV

In the book of Acts, Luke refers to his Gospel as being his former treatise to Theophilus.

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. KJV

These two Books were written to one single man and that man was a Gentile. God inspired Luke the Gentile to write to Theophilus the Gentile. That speaks volumes to the Gentile world as to what God wanted the Gentiles to hear concerning Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 **A light to lighten the Gentiles**, and the glory of thy people Israel. KJV

Luke told Theophilus the story of Acts chapter two and how the Holy Ghost was poured out. The Jews and Proselytes (Gentiles) both were included. When the Jews and Proselytes (Gentiles) asked "What must we do?" ~ They all heard the same words ~ Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

In Acts 10:1-48 Luke told Theophilus the story of God sending Peter to Caesarea to Corneilus an Italian Centurion. Here Peter saw God was no respecter of persons but every nation is accepted with Him.

The more you think about this the more confident you will be in the truth found in Luke and Acts.

You should read and teach from my book ~ "Luke in the Grip of Truth"