

This Book should be taught to a Soul Winner. Hebrews 5:12. By now you ought to be a Teacher! God is calling YOU!

The grip of God's truth has a firm controlling influence on the soul. Truth is a powerful, emotional fact, that will cause you to lay down your hammer and saw and lay hold on the priorities instructed in truth. It will transfix, fascinate and make you spellbound. It will inspire you to greatness. The grip of truth will completely set you free from all opposing views so that you may pursue the object of the truth that has been revealed unto you. You will say: **"Here I stand. I have no other choice."**

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

The Grip of Truth did all of this to Luke, the Gospel writer and evangelist. The grip of truth had a firm controlling influence on Luke. It inspired him to write his gospel. Luke gave us in writing the message of Jesus Christ that he himself had received, believed, obeyed and preached. Having experienced this in his own life, Luke set out to tell all nations that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in Jesus Name. He made it his proclamation to the world. He wrote, in order, all that Jesus began both to do and teach. We are indebted to Luke for his intellectual grasp, bulldog grip and his coherent understanding of the message Jesus instructed the Apostles to preach in Luke 24:45-49. Here it is....

#### **The Message**

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:45-49.

I am indebted to Luke for this message. With the same anointing that Luke had, I want to pass this message on to future generations. It is a truth that will grip the heart of others as it did mine. This message has lost none of its power. **I have preached it for more than a half of a century.**

A generation of young people is receiving it and performing the activities of faith. They are coming to an altar of prayer, repenting of their sins. Then they are baptized in water by emersion in Jesus Name for the remission of their sins and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

As the blind man must want to be saved from his blindness, and, the leper must want to be saved from his leprosy, so, the sinner must want to be saved from his sins. But the sinner may not want to be saved from his sin because he is enjoying it. It is here God gives man grace to walk away from his addiction to sin and perform the work of faith.

A man's faith will cause him to respond to the proclamation of God's word. It is the inspiration in the Word that causes man to respond. His faith produces a faith-related "activity." Faith without works is dead being alone. There is a faith-related "activity" that accompanies God's Word. We must "do" the Word to be saved. There is a work of faith, a labor of love and a patience of hope required. Give God what He wants.

The "Grip of Truth" in the book of Luke and the book of Acts will grip your soul if you will listen to it and receive it. As the Law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, so, Luke is the one who leads us through the life of Christ to bring us to our salvation. In The Acts of The Apostles Luke shows us the plan of salvation. When they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Luke proclaims that Peter repeated what Jesus said to do. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 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".

Luke recorded the beginning and the early history of the church. The book of Acts records in detail the "activities of faith" Jesus instructed to be performed by a believer and the promise that followed. You need to study the beginning of the Christian Church and what Jesus instructed us to do. All Christian Churches must go

back to Acts, chapter two, to find their beginning.