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Beyond Knowledge into Wisdom



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Dear Reader,

When Luke surrendered his life to the will of God he positioned himself for a journey that has no end.

You need to position yourself next to Luke's witness in the Bible and make the same journey. If you will walk toward Jesus, in the plan He set out for you in Luke 24:46-47, He will be there waiting to greet you.

I'll see you there,

Rev Albert L. Friend

PS. Thanks for reading my book. God will bless you for it.

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About the Author

My Purpose

My purpose in writing this book is “that the communication of [my] faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in [me] in Christ Jesus.”

(Philemon 6).

This book is about what I believe and the wonderful things that have happened to me; therefore, I only have to prove it to myself. I have done that. I *can* know what I know. Here I stand. I can do nothing else. This book is Al Friend.

My Comments

My comments on the Scriptures are based on my fifty-six years of personal experience with the Bible. I have experienced God through His Word as it is written. My faith in God requires me to give God what He wants. I have made a declaration, through faith, that I am free from the world and the lusts thereof through Christ Jesus my Lord. He has set me free; therefore, I am free indeed.

My Motivation

My motivation is coming from a deep love for God. He has kept me saved through His blood

fifty-six years, as of March 2006. The writings of Luke are the strong platform on which my long walk with God has taken place. The Book of Luke and the Book of Acts, which Luke wrote, record the birth of the church. On this foundation I have built my house that is still standing after fifty-six years. I have come safely through many storms and I am convinced, "There is a God."

His blood is my conscience. When I failed Him I asked His forgiveness. He is faithful and just to forgive me immediately. *That becomes my conscience immediately.* I am forgiven immediately. I am free immediately. My conscience is free and clean immediately. This freedom that God gives me immediately is my source of new strength. I was wrong but I didn't have to linger in guilt. My conscience was clean immediately and I could go on to the next thing. I am so glad I know Jesus. I love Him.

God is justified in doing this for me. He is not overlooking my sin and showing me a special favor. He died for my sins as well as the sins of the whole world. He became the guilty one in my place. He took the punishment that should have been mine. God Himself paid the price for my sin. God fulfilled His own requirement of punishment for sin, which is: the innocent must die for the guilty, the just must die for the unjust. Therefore He is justified in forgiving me. No one can point

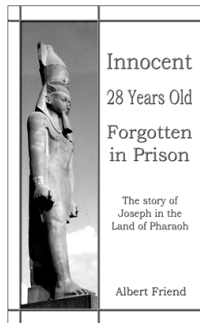
his finger at God and say He is not doing right. He is justified in forgiving me because He died in my place. Now I am His to do with as He chooses. He loves me and forgives me. He bought me with a price, not of silver or gold, but with something more precious than gold, the blood of the innocent man who He became for me.

For this cause He asks us to die out to the old man and become a new man, a resurrected man, in Christ Jesus. Old things pass away and all things become new. We become citizens of a new nation in the world. We become a new species of people. We are born again from above. This is a second birth for us, a new birth. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We then follow and obey the constitution Jesus proclaimed for this new nation. This constitution cannot be amended.

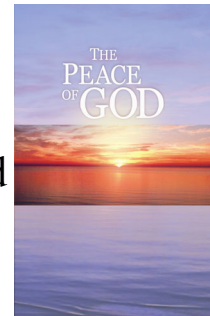
II Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Books of Luke and Acts fit Paul's position on "profitable for doctrine." If you fight a scripture you will never see the scripture that confirms it. When you read a Bible verse you should say two things. The first thing to say is: Do I believe this? The second thing you should say is: Yes.

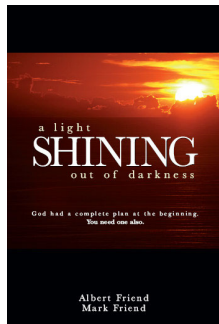
More Books to Consider



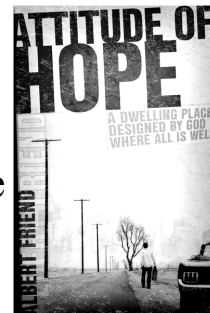
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The Peace of God



A Light Shining
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Attitude of Hope

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**God used Luke to make His focus a part
of the official Record.**

When you read this book hear loud and clear my “*voice on paper.*” I am making a proclamation! The Book of Luke and the Book of Acts are backed and packed with the integrity of God. Luke and God were partners. The Book of Luke and the Book of Acts seamlessly run together. They have an inspirational effect on the believer. I am a strong believer!

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Luke and Extreme Truth



Luke 24:46

Thus It is written and Thus It Behooved Christ To Suffer

The word behooved is a very strong word.
The strongest meaning is: "because it is written."
God's word must be fulfilled.
It is love in the first degree. God commended His
love toward us.
It was necessary for salvation.
It showed our value as an individual.
It showed the purpose of God.
It was an eternal thing.
It was appropriate to the circumstances.

It behooves us to reflect on the whole of this.

God's Point of No Return

In order to maintain His integrity God has a point of no return. He must remain loyal to His extreme limits. There is a time when He says “**yes**” and that must not change. There is a time when He says “**no**” and that also must not change. Now that's as far as you can go either way. His word is forever settled in Heaven. Extreme truth will take you as far as God will go.

God went to the **extreme** to save us. We must go to the extreme in order to be saved. Luke records the activities of faith needed to perform this Extreme Truth in Luke 24:45-49.

When Adam and Eve fell into sin they were separated from God. They had committed a “thou shalt not.” Their birthright of going to heaven was forfeited. They were lost in sin.

The extreme penalty for sin was one man had to die. But not just any man. He had to be a man without sin. A sinner could not die for the sins of others. He had to be innocent and die for the guilty. Only God could be that man. God went to that extreme.

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Chapter 1

God's Focus

Jesus is God's planned intervention in the world.

God made a promise before the world began that He would intervene in our behalf. His love is seen at Calvary.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Romans 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

We are vain. There is a battle raging between us and Satan. Satan takes advantage of us in this area.

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He appeals to our vanity.

God made us subject to vanity that He might subject us to hope. We are prisoners of hope. We are slaves to hope. "True hope in God" is our only hope.

The God who declared the end from the beginning made promise that He would, Himself, come to save us from our sins. This hope draws out our allegiance to Him. This allegiance is much stronger than it would be if we had no battles.

Jesus is God's planned intervention

Jesus is God coming into the world to mediate our rights. We were made for eternity to worship Him forever. That was His purpose and pleasure for making us. It is an inheritance to which we have a right. Sin caused us to lose these rights. God became man to restore our rights to heaven. Heaven is our birthright. Heaven is our destiny.

Satan is trying to defeat God's purpose and destroy His pleasure.

God's pleasure is the redeemed praising Him throughout eternity for what He has done for them.

Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to

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open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

God is just in all He is doing for us. He died for us. He restored our rights to heaven by becoming one of us. He paid the price for our sins. He cleanses us with His blood.

Before Jesus was born this was only a promise waiting to happen. Then, when the fullness of time was come, God put into motion His divine intervention.

This moment in the history of man is the center point of the Bible. There is a before, there is an after and there is an exact time. This exact time was the moment Jesus spoke His last words. He gave His apostles their final instructions on the activities of faith to be preached among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

He first told them that His death was necessary to release the power for His salvation. Then He gave them the power-filled words, containing the activities of faith, they were to preach to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. His words are found in Luke 24:45-49. The words He spoke are the following:

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

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46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 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.

Having spoken these soul-saving words, Jesus sealed that moment of truth forever.

Jesus, as a man, then ascended into heaven opening a door for man to follow through to his long awaited home. The first *man* had arrived in heaven. More will follow.

**God, through Luke, made this moment
a part of the official Record.**

This moment in the plan of God was established before the world began and became prophecy fulfilled.

None of this can change.

After that moment time continued with that truth recorded in it.

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No one can go back and change that.

For this reason I submit to you Luke, God's official recorder of His focus.

God's official focus is: "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

You need to become a witness to this life-changing experience. Luke can help you do that.

Some Questions

Who was Luke?

From where did he come?

What was his calling?

When did he perform?

How could he do it?

Chapter 2

Important Info about Luke

Five Questions

Learn all you can about Luke. This will give you a firm grip on your knowledge, perception and reasoning. You will need this anchor because the only book in the Bible that contains 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.

The story of Luke is intriguing. Here are some questions and answers about him.

Question No. 1: Who was Luke?

Luke was a Gentile. He was a Greek who by nature sought after wisdom. This became a valuable mind-set for when he became a Christian. Seeking after wisdom is part of the hunger of a new Christian.

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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 used this Gentile to write two books in His Bible. All the other writers were Jews. Luke was not there 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.

Question No. 2: From where did he come?

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