

Planning your life in the Bible lets you settle it there and leave it there. Then you go out and enjoy your life in this ~ settled environment ~ not easily moved by the world. Think about that ~ cool huh. The strength of your life is in your plan.

### **Faith in God's Word is self Control.**

Everyman's life is a plan of God. For this reason God has chosen to deal with us on an individual basis. Every person must take the time to figure out for themselves what God is asking of them. The life of Jesus is the pattern ~ His Word is our goal. If we will not listen to Jesus we will listen to no one but our self.

Know who you are and stay in control. Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only.

You are the captain of your ship ~ the master of your fate ~ the victim of the circumstances that you allow ~ the receiver of the (good or bad) inevitable ~ unavoidable ~ results that will follow your course of action if you insist on the way you are going. Faith in God's Word is **self control**.

God has made the above clear in the Bible so the Bible is our first source of information. Get alone with God and let Him talk with you through His Word. His Word makes pictures that are easy to follow. The clear pictures of a Bible man and woman are recorded for us to follow. Your problem will be with your flesh. Your flesh will not want to put forth the effort. The way we overcome our flesh is to become inspired by His Word. I **delight** to do His will by obeying His Word. It is a joy.

The books of Luke and Acts are the foundation of the New Testament Church. God chose Luke to give us the complete story of Jesus on which the whole Bible hangs. In Luke's period of history the complete New Bible was launched. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John are all confirmed by Luke's eyewitnesses. Luke confirms their Gospels by adding God's Oath to them.

The book of Luke and the book of Acts are concrete ~ representing the New Testament. God confirms His plan for man through eyewitnesses who spoke to Luke. Luke did not have to be alive when the first part of his gospel started. Faithful eyewitnesses gave him a clear understanding of it and God inspired him to write it. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. Luke's story covered BC 5 until 69 AD. All the New Testament was written in that time with ~ *maybe* ~ the exception of the book of Revelation. All New Testament scripture were given by the inspiration of God. God brought in the Gentile Luke to confirm **His Oath to the Gentiles**. God did this through many eyewitnesses.

If you want to understand the whole Bible better Luke is your key. Luke confirms God's Oath to Abraham in many ways. God's Oath to Abraham **included the Gentiles**. God's Oath ends all strife about who is right and who is wrong. Jesus gave the Apostles His doctrine in Luke 24:46-47. They continued stedfastly in it.

Every eyewitness Luke interviewed was a confirmation of God's Oath. God's Oath is introduced to us through Abraham. Hebrews 6:14 Saying, **Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.**

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an **end of all strife**.

Because He could swear by no greater He swore alone to Abraham saying: "SURELY I WILL!" In Luke's case it was, "SURELY I DID." God started to fulfill Abraham's covenant on the Day of Pentecost. Since that Day the Church ~ Abraham's seed of many nations ~ has grown to be as the sand of the sea.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God **by faith** in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise. ~ surely I did)