

## Luke gave us the Keys

Our hero Preachers were over comers who helped us overcome through the Word. They taught us how. They studied and preached under the anointing. We listened intently. We overcame our weaknesses through listening, praying at the altar and walking in the newness of life. After church then meant **after lingering** at the altar in prayer.

The outcome of this foundation laid in my life has been a steady walk with God for 59 years. It keeps my door open to new knowledge. There is always something new to be learned. I am hungry for new knowledge along with a desire to experience it between my Lord and myself.

**Sin has a finished product.** It is not good. James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. I'll pass on that one.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

When Jesus said "it is finished" He meant that ~ NOW ~ Acts 2:38 can be preached among all nations beginning at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.

After His resurrection and just before ascending He said in Luke 24:45-48

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

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:

--(**The Purpose of His Death**)

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.

Greek scholars say we should use Matthew's words in his Gospel.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

They fail to realize **Matthew was baptizing in Jesus Name on the Day of Pentecost** long before he wrote his Gospel. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus did not say to use his words but to use The Name.

Luke gave us the Keys to the Tool Box when he wrote the Book of Acts. On the day of Pentecost the Jews from every nation under heaven were gathered in Jerusalem. God had **this** in mind when He gave the LAW to Moses 1500 years earlier. These Jews from every nation under heaven heard other local Jews speaking in their foreign tongue, having never learned it. First they thought they were drunk.

Then they realized they were speaking the wonderful works of God. This put them under conviction which caused them to ask the famous question ~ **Men and brethren, what shall we do.** God brought the Feast of Pentecost to its prophetic moment in history. NOW! All that Jesus had died for was given to man in the form of a message. Peter preached it the way Jesus told him to preach it in Luke 24:47.

The Preacher needs to learn how to use the tools Luke gave us in the Tool Box, starting with the Angel Gabriel in Luke 1:19. Then he needs to get skillful with the other tools Luke gave us in the book of Luke and Acts. Rightly dividing the Word of Truth is a skill. Remember: Acts 2:38 is for All The World. There is One LORD, One FAITH, and One BAPTISM. There is One God, above all and the Father of us all.

To better understand what God is doing pay attention to His Word. Ponder it. Pray over it. Search it out. Get hungry for the truth. Be compatible with God. Give God what He wants.