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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (1) "THINGS MOST SURELY BELIEVED AMONG US"

“Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those thing which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the

Jesus speaks great assurances to those who would believe on him, not the least of which is the promise that those who believe on him shall have everlasting life (John 6:40). There is warning also for those who choose not to believe on Jesus. He explains that those who choose not to believe on him will die in their sins (John 8:24). The gospel message is that all have access to the opportunity to have everlasting life by belief in Jesus.

The gospel writers believed that they were providing truths that gave certainty to what the disciples believed. This is no less the case with the gospel of Luke. To his readers he gives the reason for his record of the life of Jesus: “That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed” (Luke 1:4). As in our day, it was in their day, people functioned better with certainty than otherwise.

Consider that we confront disillusion, despair, and doubt everyday. What we hope for rarely comes. What we expect we don’t receive. What we think we can be sure about falls through. Add to this, those we place confidence in neither have confidence in themselves nor their own plans. Everything is tentative, contingent, and dependent on factors and variables that are at cross purposes. In a world of chaotic expectation, it is refreshing to reads words like, “a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us” and “that thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed” (Luke 1:1, 4).

Faith in Jesus is not contingent on factors that will eventually nullify the faith of God’s children. We most surely

believe. This is no room for doubt, disillusion, and despair. Faith in Christ is not tentative. We are not waiting for more information. God’s word has filled in all the necessary gaps. We most surely believe. Faith in Jesus is not even dependent upon our belief; the word assures that even if we do not believe, Jesus remains Christ. The Apostle Paul writes,

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself (2 Tim 2:11–13).

The hope we have is sure. It is more sure than what some call a “sure thing,” and “a safe bet.” What we believe is not simply believed; it is most surely believed!

As we begin our studies in the gospel of Luke, let us have a clear understanding of what is foundational to our hope and belief. Our faith is anchored in, founded on, sustained by, held together by, given meaning by, Jesus Christ. We are not just believers in God. We are believers who confess that Jesus was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Tim 3:16). Again, we do not just believe in God; we believe in the living God who makes himself known through Jesus Christ.

We assert that our belief is not an “it may be true, and it may not be true,” proposition. We most surely believe that God is made known through Jesus Christ. Without an understanding of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, there is misunderstanding about who God is.

Accordingly, our expression of faith is not one with the Jews. They reject the teaching that Jesus Christ is the manifestation of the one true God. Our expression of faith is not in sync with the Islamic faith. In that teaching, Jesus is acknowledged as Mary’s baby. He is known to have chosen twelve apostles. And he is accepted as a prophet from God. But he is not the final prophet. He is just one among many other prophets. The Christian faith asserts that Jesus is above any prophet; most importantly, he is the Son of God!

Scripture teaches that in these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son (Heb 1:2). What is distinctive about the things which are most surely believed among us includes that truth that God gives his final revelation through Jesus.

We need to clarify more. Belief in the gospel is not just belief that Jesus lived and performed miracles. It is more than acknowledging that he was a good man who went about doing good. And he did. What is cornerstone to the belief of the gospel is our belief that Jesus arose from the dead, Savior of the world. When a person, therefore, confesses faith in Jesus, he need also understand that belief in Jesus is belief that Jesus is raised and seated at the right hand of the Father. If there is no belief that Jesus is raised, then there is nothing to make our hope sure (1 Cor 15:15–20).

The gospel of Luke will give in order the things which are most surely believed among the children of God.

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CHURCH LEADERS

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ALICIA LATTEN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on September 20th—9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

14th Annual Homecoming
(September 16th–20th)
Coliseum Blvd. Church of Christ
2116 Coliseum Blvd.,
Greensboro, NC 27403

Gospel Meeting (September 14th-16th)
Northside Church of Christ
4435 E. WT Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28215

Medical Expense Fundraiser for Bro. Quincy Monk- (September 19th)
Bellfork Church of Christ
321 Bell Fork Road
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Gospel Meeting (September 27th–30th)
Community Church of Christ
533 N. Graham Hopedale Rd.
Burlington, NC 28083

CARVER ROAD LADIES' DAY SEPTEMBER 26TH



Theme: "Women of God...Wearing Many Hats... Doing Good Deeds (Titus 2:7; Proverbs 31)
Carver Road Ladies: Please continue paying your \$10 registration fee (youth and adults) to Sis. Tonya Oliphant or Sis. Sonya Izzard if you have not yet registered. Registration forms are located in the foyer. All ladies are encouraged to Attend!! Volunteers are needed so be sure to sign up for a committee to help with preparation of this wonderful event.

READING SAFARI



Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a special **Back to School** edition! Keep reading, we look forward to seeing you.



**ALL VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER:

The GI Bill can be used for training at non-college degree institutions. This includes training in HVAC repair, Truck Driving, Emergency Medical Training, or Barber /Beautician school. For more additional information visit our website at www.benefits.va.gov



STATE EVENT

North Carolina State Lectureship
(November 12th-14th) Charlotte, NC

Theme:
"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.

Mature Saint's Recognition
October 11, 2015



NATIONAL EVENT



National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcoc2016.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- (48 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson– 2nd
- (14 years) Rogers & Annie Brimfield– 22nd
- (41 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans– 28th
- (13 years) Michael & D" Tonja Foster– 28th

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1st Elisabeth Latten; 3rd Timothy Pilson; 7th James Samuel, Mellany Scott; 10th Tabatha Burgess;
- 12th Constance Rumph, D'Asia Williams; 13th Lillie Holmes, Edwena Kirby;
- 15th D' Onna Williams; 16th Kristina Woodruff; 17th Claudette Eldridge;
- 20th William Holmes; 21st Saroya Brown, Rashaad Davis; 22nd Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd, Tonya Oliphant; 23rd Bryce Correll, Wendy Thomas; 28th Rayven Dulin, Dollean Johnson, Michael Terry; 30th Leah Adkins, Jarvis Warren

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
Sis. Immogene Bray
Bro. Leroy Nelson
Bro. Barry Harper
Sis. Georgia Glenn
Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

Bro. John Foxworth
(336) 924-5029

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 4: 13-18

READER: Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

CHURCH: And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

READER: Where is then the blessedness you spake of? For I bear you record, that if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

CHURCH: Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

READER: They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that you might affect them.

UNISON: But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we pray that your children never become enemies to each other because they speak your truths. Grant us zeal to do what is good. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Annette Nichols,
Sis. Kellie Pouncey, Bro. Willie Robinson, Sr.,
Bro. John Foxworth, Sis. Carol Weathers,
Sis. Kiona Wilson, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Sis. Maegan Gomez,
Sis. Latasha Gandy, Bro. Howard A. Brown,
Sis. Marleisha Young, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Dolly Warren,
Sis. Marcella Kendall, Sis. Wendy Thomas,
Sis. Raymona Brown, Bro. George Leak,
Bro. William Pouncey, Sis. Teresa Love,
Sis. Sherry Price, Sis. Latesha Page, Bro. Anthony Clinton,
Bro. Simon Johnson, Sis. Leah Oxley, Bro. Elijah Gibbs, &
Sis. Moesha Eichelberger



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Roy Oliphant
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
INVOCATION Jerry Evans
SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin
SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver
RESPONSIVE Ron Jessup
PRAYER Joseph Wilson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
OFFERING Reginald Nichols
LORD'S SUPPER Thomas Loyd, Sr.
READER Howard Brown
CLOSING PRAYER Jarred Monroe
VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
INVOCATION Artis Rucker
SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
SCRIPTURE Bernard Wallace
RESPONSIVE READING Doug Crim
PRAYER Roscoe Burgess
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
OFFERING Harold Brown
LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim
VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:44)

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?



USHERS

Kolbe Adkins	Michael Terry	Garrin McNair
D.J. Crim	Texin Loyd	Todd Woods
Novell Hall	Elijah Gibbs	G. Eichelberger
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

A.J. Crim Jesse Green
Joshua Huey Jarvis Warren

COMMENTARY CORNER

Luke will highlight significant episodes in the life of Jesus. Disciples should come to appreciate the significance of evidence that the poor receive the gospel. The rich have salvation come to their homes. The poor in this life rest in the bosom of Abraham in the next life. Eventually, readers will witness apostles flee from Jesus in the garden, rush to his tomb at the words of the women, and stand gazing as the Son of God disappears behind a cloud on the day of his ascension. These are not fanciful stories of an ill clad hero coming to the rescue of helpless maidens and defenseless children, rescuing nobles and making the

world a better place to live again. This is more. The gospel of Luke is record of the powerful and salvific life of the Son of God. He does indeed come rescuing, and defending, but not for the purpose of man's focus on the activities of this world. Jesus has come that we might have everlasting life with the Father.

Our neighbors need to know of the Savior who makes this world more than the tentative, contingent, and dependent factors and variables that are at cross purposes with themselves.

When it comes to faith, there is certainty that the world cannot provide, that the heart finds trust in, that the soul rests comfortably with. Our souls seek to have life

with our Creator, Sustainer, and Savior. We trust that we would be willing to take the time to appreciate Luke's labor in writing that we might know the certainty of the things wherein we have been instructed.

And the book will be about our instruction, information provided to help us in our walk of faith. God and the Holy Spirit believed this record of Jesus was important for the faithful. We trust that all of God's children will benefit from the same belief.

We should encourage growing faith among the believers. And we should be eager to share our certain faith with a lost and perishing world, expecting that they too would become believers among us.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)	

**WORSHIP TO THE
SICK & SHUT-IN
SEPTEMBER
Roscoe Burgess**

BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.



Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.

Thursdays @ 2 P.M.

1340 AM

1400 AM

103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

September 6th	Alfreda & Alaqua Howell
September 13th	Alfreda & Alaqua Howell
September 20th	Tamah & D' Asia Williams
September 27th	Leah Adkins &

NURSERY DUTY

September 6th
September 13th
September 20th
September 27th

GREETERS

September 6th	Cindy Dulin Mary Robinson
September 13th	Cynthia Judge Indya Rucker
September 20th	Delores Reaves Eshe Johnson
September 27th	Diane Foxworth Kiona Wilson

COMMUNION PREPARERS

SEPTEMBER

Mary Terry & Wendy Thomas



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

Diane Foxworth,
Diane Robinson

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ZONE #8	Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052) Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)