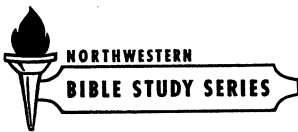


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INTRODUCTION

The gospel according to St. Luke is a historical account of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, just as the other three Gospels are. And yet it has a number of distinct characteristics. These characteristics include:

Authorship

According to reliable early Christian writers, this Gospel was written by St. Luke. He was a first generation Christian, a physician and a co-worker of the Apostle Paul during his missionary journeys. In Colossians 4:14, St. Paul refers to "our dear friend Luke, the doctor."

Purpose

Luke's purpose in writing his Gospel was more than merely providing a historical account of the life of Christ. The purpose of his Gospel can be summed up in his words to Theophilus, "... so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:4). Luke wanted this account of Christ's life and ministry to reassure Christians of the validity of those things they had been told concerning Jesus, the Christ, so that their faith might remain strong.

Perspective

The Gospel of St. Luke shows us the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of a physician. And so we see Jesus' concern for all people, especially the poor, the downtrodden, the outcast, the "sinner." We also see an emphasis on the saving and healing work of the Great Physician of the body and soul, Jesus Christ.

In studying this inspired and inerrant book, may we keep Luke's purpose in mind. May we study the Gospel of St. Luke, "A Physician's Prescription For The Soul," so that we might know the certainty of the things we have been taught!

The Approach

Since the Gospel of St. Luke was written by a physician, we will study it from that perspective. We will divide the book into several sections. To introduce each section we will propose some symptoms of a spiritual ailment that might affect an individual. Then we will diagnose the problem, and see how the content of Luke's Gospel provides the perfect prescription for the sickness. Hence the theme of this Bible study guide:

THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE: A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION FOR THE SOUL

Each chapter of this study guide will look at ***The Symptoms, The Diagnosis*** and ***The Prescription***. Each prescription will call on us to *Read the Word, Study the Word, Discuss the Word* and *Apply the Word*