

Review: Luke, “the beloved physician” (Col 4:14), was the only Gentile writer in the Bible. He was not an apostle himself, but ministered with Paul and possibly others (Ac. 16:10). He records first-hand testimony, eyewitness accounts, and researched facts. Theophilus (lit. “Lover of God”). The name may be a general term for a believer or someone interested in finding out more about God. He may have a Roman official of some importance or a lawyer or a judge.

Acts 1:1 *The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach.² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.*

I. JESUS: FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT & DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM

- A. Jesus begins His ministry after being **filled** with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1)

Luke 4:1 *Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.*

- B. Jesus **demonstrated** the kingdom of God in miracles, signs, and wonders and acts of justice (Luke 4:35,-36, 39)

- C. Jesus **spoke** about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God was His main message.

Luke 4:43 *but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

Luke 8:1 *..He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him.*

Luke 11:20 *"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

II. DISCIPLES: FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT & DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM

- A. After Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave them the promise of the Father, the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. The disciples from Galilee are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5, 8 *for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- B. The disciples demonstrated the kingdom of God in miracles, signs, and wonders and acts of justice (Acts 8:6-8; Acts 19:11-12)

Acts 8:6-8 *And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.*

Acts 19:11-12 *Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.*

- C. The disciples **spoke** about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God was their main message.

Acts 8:12 *But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.*

Acts 19:8 *And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.*

Acts 28:30-31 *Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, ³¹ preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.*

III. DISCIPLES (2010): FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT & DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM

History Book or Action Plan? God's plan has not changed. He still uses ordinary people to do extraordinary Kingdom things.

- A. God wants to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

Luke 18:16-17 *But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."*

Luke 11:13 *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

- B. We are called to demonstrate the kingdom of God in miracles, signs, and wonders and acts of justice. *Do you believe that God wants to do it through you?*
- C. We are called to speak about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God must be our main message.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.