

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 (ESV) encapsulates this biography of Christ with this quotation.

Luke was a doctor, a friend of Theophilus and a well-educated Greek. He wrote the Book of Acts and has been credited with also writing Luke. His writing evidences a great vocabulary, sometimes even in classical Greek literary style, along with excellent research. He wrote most likely from Rome when Paul was incarcerated, and sent to Antioch, Achaia and / or Ephesus. The authorship date is somewhat fuzzy, from 59–80 AD, but it is generally accepted as part of the earliest canon of Scripture. Luke recounts 28 parables, 20 miracles and more about the Holy Spirit than the other three Gospels. His purpose of presenting Jesus as the Messiah is evident throughout and especially in the verse quoted above.

Luke followed this chronology:

Chapters 1-9: Jesus’ birth and the events in and around Galilee.

Chapters 10-19: Events in and around Judea and Perea.

Chapters 20-24: Jesus’ discourses and the events in Jerusalem.

Aside from the canonical information, Luke’s skill with a pen and vocabulary makes the ministry of Jesus live in reality no matter what the century. Matthew wrote to the Hebrews in Rome. Mark wrote to the Greeks, and Luke wrote to the world. Is the story the same? No. More parables. More miracles. More discourses. Yes. Same crucifixion. Same resurrection. Same commission. Same promise to return. Luke definitely belongs. Here is how he begins his Gospel in 1:1-4 (ESV):

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Welcome!

April 14th, 2024



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid’s Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

TEXT: Revelation 19:1-6

We must know who is in _____!

These Words send a _____ to heaven and a _____ to hell!

1. THE UNIQUE _____ AS TO JESUS HIMSELF

A. Notice _____ the message comes to us, " _____ this".

B. Notice in what _____ this message is announced

It is a message for _____, for _____ and for all _____!
Revelation 1:8, 10; 17b-18; Luke 21:26a; 2 Timothy 3:13

But in the middle of all this stands God's _____ who has decided to leave _____ and put God first, _____ Him as we did in the beginning. 2 Timothy 4:1-5

2. THE UNIVERSAL PROFESSION AS TO JESUS' POWER

Every act of Jesus was an act of _____! John 2:7-10; 3:8

He has just _____ to blow and He is still blowing in _____ and _____! Mark 4:38-39

If we _____ His power and presence, He will come this morning and speak _____ to all our storms! John 11:35, 43; Romans 5:12, 15-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

A. We have a _____ hope – Titus 2:11-14

B. We have a _____ hope – 1 Peter 1:3-7

C. We have a _____ hope – 1 John 3:3

D. We have an _____ and comforting hope – 1 Thessalonians 4:18; Matthew 9:29

3. THE ULTIMATE PRAISE AS TO JESUS' PERSON Revelation 3:20; Philippians 2:9-11

His rule will be _____ and _____. Revelation 5:11-13; 11:15-18; Zechariah 14:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, "The Great Disappearance" – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah's study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further notice.

Women's Annual Spring Event – April 27th, for more information please see Caroline Zeyak. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 – May 18th, call all men to please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More information to follow. There are postcards on the table in the foyer. Take all you need and let's recruit men to go with us to this event.

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