"A Historical Assurance Of Faith & Truth!"

Luke 1:1-4 & Acts 1:1-3

"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."

Luke 1:1-4 (NKJV)

"The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 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, to whom He also Presented Himself Alive after His Suffering by Many Infallible Proofs, being Seen by them during forty days and Speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

Acts 1:1-3 (NKJV)

Luke's Reasons In Writing Both Accounts of the "History of the Christian Faith Volumes I & II"

1) Volume I

"Acts Of God Through His Son Jesus Christ: The Church's One Foundation & Formation"

2) Orderly Account Of Eyewitness Testimonies Of History Of The Church's Leader By His Followers

3) Absolute Assurance Of The Certainty Of Everything You Have Heard & Have Been Taught

Luke's Reasons In Writing Both Accounts of the "History of the Christian Faith Volumes I & II"

4) Volume II

Acts Of The Holy Spirit Through God's Followers: The Church's Inception Of God's Kingdom"

5) Many Infallible Proofs

A) <u>Seen (Sight) & Speak</u> (Hearing) Miracles: Signs & Wonders (Reason)

6) The Inception Of The Church & Kingdom Of God On Earth

Q: "What Is Luke Telling Us About The Book Of Acts?"

A1: It Is The Recorded History Of The Inception Of
God's Presence Among God's People – The Church
A2: It Is The Recorded History Of The Inception & Building Of
God's Kingdom On Earth Through God's Faith-Filled & Obedient People
A3: It Is The Recorded History Of God's Presence Through His Holy Spirit
Infilling & Imbuing His Faith-Filled & Obedient People,
To Demonstrate God's Power, Direction, Works, & Miracles In The World

Q: "What Is Luke By The Power & Words Of The Holy Spirit Telling Us Today?"

A1: Since

The History, Words, Works, & Miracles
You Have Read & Been Taught Are Indeed All True!

A2: Therefore

You Do Not Have Or Need A Blind Faith, Because It's Based In Real Truth & History

A3: Be Assured

God Is The Same Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow, You Can Believe & Trust God In Everything In The Past, Today, & In The Future No Matter What Comes Your Way!

So, Let Us, Each Of Us, And All Together, As God's Chosen People, His Church, This Day, This Week,

Go Forth In All Assurance & Confidence
To Speak The Truth In Faith By The Power
Of His Holy Abiding Presence Within Us
By Giving Our Testimony!

Q: "But What Exactly Shall We Testify To?"
A: The Complete Good News - Luke 24:25-27 & 24:44-49

Q: "But What Is The Complete Good News?"
A: What Jesus Taught Us Before He Was Crucified
& After He Arose Again From The Dead
& Before He Ascended Back Into Heaven!

Then He said to them, "These are the Words which I Spoke to you while I was still with you, that All Things Must Be Fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms Concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is Written, and thus it was Necessary for the Christ to Suffer and to Rise from the Dead the Third Day, and that Repentance and Remission of Sins should be Preached in His Name to All Nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are Witnesses of All These Things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father Upon You; but tarry in the City of Jerusalem until you are Endued with Power from on High!"

Q: "So What Did He Teach Us Exactly Concerning The Complete Good News?"

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- 1) Christ Has Come & Lived Among Us
- 2) Christ Has Died & Has Risen From The Dead
- 3) Christ Has Ascended Into Heaven & Makes Intercession For All
- 4) Christ Has Sent His Holy Spirit To Live Within Us & Guide Us Into All Truth
- 5) Christ Has Entrusted Us With Preaching Repentance & Forgiveness Of Sins In His Name
 - 6) Christ Has Asked Us To Serve Others & Teach Them Everything He Taught Us!
 - 7) Christ Shall Come Again & Take His Followers To Heaven To Live With Him Forever

So, Let Us Commit To Memory This Complete Gospel Of The Good News!
Then, Let Us Testify To It Daily Wherever We Go & Whatever We Are Doing!
So That, Others Will Hear The Good News & Come In Faith To Know The Lord Jesus Christ,
Before, He Comes Again In All His Glory At The End Of The Age To Judge The Living & The Dead!