



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”  
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Father teach us Your way, Your Word, and bring conviction where conviction is due. Lead us in the right path way, fill us with Your will for us and plans. I ask that You grant each favor, and bless them and keep them, protect them and supply all their needs. Bless them with their daily bread, more than enough so that they can help and assist whom ever You tell them to help and bless, lead us to pray and for whom, daily.....in Jesus' name. Amen.....

## Worship Music

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## Scripture

1 I wrote<sup>1</sup> the former<sup>2</sup> account,<sup>3</sup> Theophilus,<sup>4</sup> about all that Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven,<sup>1</sup> after he had given orders<sup>2</sup> by<sup>3</sup> the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. Mark 16:19; Luke 9:51; 1Tim 3:16; John 20:21; 3 To the same apostles<sup>1</sup> also, after his suffering,<sup>2</sup> he presented himself alive with many convincing proofs. He was seen by them over a forty-day period<sup>3</sup> and spoke about matters concerning the kingdom of God. Mark 16:14; John 20:19; John 21:1; 1Cor 15:5; 4 While he was with them,<sup>1</sup> he declared,<sup>2</sup> "Do not leave Jerusalem,<sup>3</sup> but wait there<sup>4</sup> for what my<sup>5</sup> Father promised,<sup>6</sup> which you heard about from me.<sup>7</sup> Luke 24:48-49; John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:7; 5 For<sup>1</sup> John baptized with water, but you<sup>2</sup> will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:26; Acts 11:16; Acts 19:4; Isa 44:3; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4; Acts 11:15;

**Acts 1: 1-5**

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**Introduction to Acts....**Within the apostolic generation the Gospel of Christ expanded in all directions till it reached every nation of the then known world ( Colossians 1:23). The book of Acts, however, confines itself to the story of the expansion of the Gospel over Palestine, northward to Antioch, and thence westward, through Asia Minor and Greece, to Rome, covering the region that then constituted the backbone of the Roman Empire. This book, called the Acts of the Apostles is mainly, the Acts of Peter and Paul, mostly Paul. Paul was the apostle to gentiles, that is nationalities other than Jewish. One of the leading subjects of the book, if not the leading subject, in its relation to the general scheme of Bible books, is the extension of the gospel to gentiles.

The Old Testament is the story of God's age-long dealing with the Hebrew Nation for the specific purpose of, through the Hebrew Nation, blessing all nations. The Hebrew Messiah, long foretold by the Prophets, at last had come, and in this book of Acts the great and wonderful work among the nations begins, and the household of God, in this book, passes from being a national set-up, and becomes an international world institution. The book of Acts links the Gospels, which are primarily an account of Jesus' life and ministry, to the apostolic letters. The accounts in Acts also geographically link Jerusalem, where the church began, to Rome, the political center of the world. Acts gives us insight into how the apostles laid the foundation of the new Christian church. In this we clearly see the establishment of principles that are to govern the Christian church throughout the church age.

The author of the book of Acts does not identify himself. The use of the personal pronoun " I " in the opening sentence seems to indicate that the book's first recipients must have known who the writer was. From the very beginning, this book and the third Gospel have been accepted as the work of Luke, a physician. It is generally believed that whenever the author uses "we " in the story of Paul's travels ("After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once, " 16:10), he himself was traveling with Paul (16:10-17; 20:5-21; 18; 27:1-2816).

The book closes with Paul being in prison in Rome for two years ( 28:30). This would indicate that the book must have been written at that time, about A.D. 60/61; it seems incredible that the writer, after giving so much space to the narration of Paul's imprisonment ( chaps. 21-28), would have omitted to mention the outcome of Paul's trial if the book had been written later than A.D. 61, (some say the dates could be from 60 -65 A.D.; But on this point no positive certainty can be attained. )

Little is known of Luke, Colossians 4:11, 14 seem to imply that Luke was a Gentile, which would make him, as far as is known, the only Gentile writer of a Bible book. Eusebius says that Luke was a native of Antioch. He is recognized as a man of culture and scientific education, a physician, and a master of the Greek language. He first appears as the one who brought Paul from Troas to Philippi. He was a leader in the Philippian church for the first six years of its existence, and then rejoined Paul ( Acts 16: 10; 16:40; 20:6) to stay with him until the end of the narrative in Acts. As evidenced by Luke's writings, he was an accomplished historian. It is clear that one of the primary purposes of the book of Acts was to present a historical account of the 30 years from the founding of the Christian church to the spread of the Gospel to the Gentiles. Luke's ability to document the details of the times, places, and persons of the early church has provided a firm historical foundation that continues to be confirmed by archaeological findings. Luke's account has stood, the test of time and provides awesome credibility to the foundation of the Christian church. Luke took care of Paul's medical needs while he was going through the rigors of extensive travel in taking the Gospel into Asia Minor, Greece and Rome. Acts was written to Theophilus, "lover of God, thought to be Luke's former master who freed the physician from his duties in order that he might accompany Paul." ( Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; commentaries, history and notes; pages 721-723

**Acts 1: 1-5.....**The 40 days between His resurrection and ascension, Jesus appeared at least 10 times to His followers to banish forever from their minds any doubt as to His continued existence as a living person. John (5) baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. (We don't have to attain a certain degree of holiness to receive the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives; Acts 8: 15-17; John 7:37-39. The word "power" comes from the Greek word dunamis also meaning dynamic. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be a witness of God. Before we were Christians the Holy Spirit was with us ( Greek; para), convicting us of sin and drawing us to Christ. Once we became Christians the Holy Spirit was in us (en), dwelling in us ( John 14:17; 1 corin. 12:3; 6:19). The third experience of the Holy Spirit is when He comes upon us (epi and overflows from our lives; New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith)

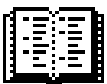
....chapter 1 continued tomorrow...

## Isaiah 64

- 1** (63:19b)<sup>1</sup> If only you would tear apart the sky<sup>2</sup> and come down!  
The mountains would tremble<sup>3</sup> before you!
- 2** (64:1) As when fire ignites dry wood,  
or fire makes water boil,  
let your adversaries know who you are,<sup>1</sup>  
and may the nations shake at your presence!
- 3** When you performed awesome deeds that took us by surprise,<sup>1</sup>  
you came down, and the mountains trembled<sup>2</sup> before you.
- 4** Since ancient times no one has heard or perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who intervenes for those who wait for him. [Ps 31:18-19](#); [1Cor 2:9](#);
- 5** You assist those who delight in doing what is right,  
who observe your commandments.  
Look, you were angry because we violated them continually.  
How then can we be saved?
- 6** We are all like one who is unclean,  
all our so-called righteous acts are like a menstrual rag in your sight.  
We all wither like a leaf;  
our sins carry us away like the wind. [Ps 90:5-6](#);
- 7** No one invokes your name,  
or makes an effort to take hold of you.  
For you have rejected us  
and handed us over to our own sins.
- 8** Yet, LORD, you are our father.  
We are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the product of your labor.
- 9** LORD, do not be too angry!  
Do not hold our sins against us continually!  
Take a good look at your people, at all of us! [Ps 79:8](#);
- 10** Your chosen cities have become a desert;  
Zion has become a desert,  
Jerusalem is a desolate ruin.
- 11** Our holy temple, our pride and joy,  
the place where our ancestors praised you,  
has been burned with fire;  
all our prized possessions have been destroyed.
- 12** In light of all this, how can you still hold back, LORD?  
How can you be silent and continue to humiliate us?

**Psa 119:105**

Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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