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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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SO WHAT !!?

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 66 Praise the Lord *refrain*

*Postlude

KNOWING THE CERTAINTY OF THINGS TAUGHT

Luke 1:1-4

- I. The Gospel of Luke, like much of Scripture, is an account of the things that have been fulfilled. (1:1-3)
 - A. These things have been handed down (1:2)
 1. From eyewitnesses
 2. From those who were servants of Christ.
 - B. These things have been investigated. (1:3)
 - C. These things were written by Luke as an orderly account. (1:3)
- II. The recipient of this Gospel was Theophilus. (1:3)
 - A. *theos* = God
 - B. *phileo* = to Love
 - C. It was either written to an individual with the name Theophilus or written in general to those who love God.

III. The purpose:

“So that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.” (1:4)

SO WHAT !!?

Why is it important to know the certainty of the things we have been taught?

1. Our world view determines what we actually believe.

Jesus Christ or God Focused vs. Self Focused
Bible Centered vs. Experience Centered

2. Illustration from the Old Testament:

- A. The ***Shema*** [Great Commandment]: (Deut. 6:4-9)
- B. The Observations of the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14)

¹³Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.

¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment,
including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

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The Call to Worship Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving thanks.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us,
and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn No. 74 *Majesty*

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died,
now glorified, King of all kings.

*Hymn No. 97 *All Hail the Power* (v. 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace. And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace. And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Responsive Reading

Pastor:

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that
have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to
us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of
the word. ³ Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated
everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write
an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that
you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.
(Luke 1)

What have we been taught?

ALL:

**⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love
the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength.**

Pastor:

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your
hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you
sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down
and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and
bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of

your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4)
But, do we know the certainty of the things we have been taught?

ALL:

¹³Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.
(Ecclesiastes 12)

Silent Prayer:

(Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)

Pastor:

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. *(Romans 8:1-2)*

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*Hymn No. 567 *Another Year is Dawning*

Another year is dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.

Another year of dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.
Amen.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

We Bow Down

We bow down and confess, You are Lord in this place
We bow down and confess, You are Lord in this place
You are all I need, It's Your face I seek
In the presence of Your light, We bow down, we bow down

Sermon continued

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refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

*Postlude