

FELLOW LABORER
PHILEMON 1:24 / 11-10-19 / PM

I. LUKE'S LIFE.

- A. He was a Gentile and the only one to write a book of the N.T.
 - 1. His name is a Greek name: Lucas.
 - 2. His N.T. books were written in excellent Greek.
 - 3. Paul identifies him as a Gentile—Col. 4:10-11 and 14.
- B. He was not an eyewitness of Jesus or his ministry—Luke 1:1-2.
- C. He was a physician—Col 4:14.
- D. His brother was Titus, who wrote the N.T. book bearing his name—2 Cor. 8:16-19.
- E. He wrote one-third of the N.T. with the books of Luke and Acts.
- F. He was a trusted fellow laborer and friend of Paul—Philemon 1:24.
 - 1. Joined Paul on Second Journey—Acts 16:6-11.
 - 2. Luke was left in Philippi during the second journey—Acts 17:1.
 - 3. Rejoined Paul during the third journey—Acts 20:5.
 - 4. He stayed with Paul until Paul's death in Rome—2 Tim. 4:9-11.
- G. He wrote two N.T. books.
 - 1. He dedicated both books to the same man—Luke 1:3-4 and Acts 1:1.
 - 2. Luke and Acts contain very similar Greek language, vocabulary and style of writing.
 - 3. Other church theologians say so...
 - a. Irenaeus, a pupil of Polycarp who was a pupil of the Apostle John.
 - b. Tertullian
 - c. The oldest copy of Luke dates to 200 A.D. and ends with the phrase, "The Gospel according to Luke".
 - 4. Contains nearly 50 medical terms that would have been known easily by a physician.

II. LUKE'S LESSONS.

1. God uses people who are humble. Although Luke was a doctor he never referred to himself by name in his writings.
2. God calls us to use our talents and skills for His service—Luke was a doctor.
3. God uses people who are loyal. Luke was a faithful friend and co-laborer with Paul.
4. God doesn't promise we won't experience hardship in his service, but He's worth it. Luke remained with Paul in Rome to the very end.