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Heavenly Father, it is in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that we come praising you and thanking you for your great grace that you have put upon us, the Wife of the Lamb. We thank you for leading and guiding us to this point, and we know without any shadow of doubt that you will continue to lead us and guide us on until we are caught away from this earth, because you have brought us through Ephesians 4:11, and then through Ephesians 4:13-16, and on into this moment of the twinkling of an eye. And, Lord, we thank you for that. And we know according to the revelation of thy Word that the full translation and the rapture is upon us. And, Lord, it is working out just exactly like your Word says. So as we look to the Word today, I thank you for the anointing to bring Word that will be of an edifying nature. In the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Today I am going to take a thought that I have not dealt with from this standpoint before and title it, *The Gospel has Gone from They unto We*. We will begin reading in the Book of Acts, Chapter 16, and read from Verse 7 to Verse 11. In Verses 7-9, Luke gives testimony of what took place, as he was given knowledge of what happened by what they told him, and he wrote it down. But then starting in Verse 10, we see Luke's writing change from saying 'what *they* did' to saying 'what *we* did,' showing that he was now a part of it and had firsthand knowledge of what happened.

We have studied some in the past on the life of Luke and the apostles; and, of course, Luke was not an apostle, but he was closely associated with the apostles, and he gained from them knowledge that he needed. And with that

knowledge and the revelation of the Holy Ghost, he wrote the Book of Luke as well as the Book of Acts. We find in the Book of *Luke*, Chapter 1, that he wrote this book as a testimony to a certain person whom he called *Theophilus*. In addition, in the Book of *Acts*, Chapter 1, he wrote to this same person, giving this man the furtherance of truth that had unfolded concerning our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke had a lot going for him, and Paul called him *beloved physician* (doctor), for by the time we get to Acts 16:10 we will see that Luke had joined himself to Paul seeing firsthand what was taking place; for here we see that Luke changed from saying 'they' to saying 'we.' So Luke joined the team as the one that kept the record. Paul had several people that went to different places with him; some did not stay long, but some stayed right with him to the end. And Luke was one that wrote the things that was happening, not only with Paul, but with the other apostles. Now with the other apostles, Luke referred to what 'they' did. But after he joined himself to Paul, he transitioned from saying 'they did this or that' to 'we did this or that,' whence comes the title to our message, *The Gospel has Gone from They unto We*.

Notice, prior to Luke joining himself to Paul, when he referred to 'they' he was speaking of what he *had heard* happened; and he was not aware of everything that transpired because the word was just passed down to him. But when it got to the place where he began to say *we*, then that was firsthand. And in that real-time moment, what was happening with 'we' had not yet been written. And that is what *we* have. And what *they* said is wonderful. It has brought us this far, and we have testimonies of it. It is just wonderful how God lays His Word in. But I am glad

that we got to the place where it is not *they*, but it is *we*. It is *us*. And in *our* real time, in this moment of the twinkling of an eye, it is not what *they* did. What they did is so wonderful, and we appreciate it. And those of the 'they' who are part of the Wife of the Lamb, which started with Paul, did the heavy lifting for us in many ways. And they brought us up to the place where it was then placed into our hands to bring this message forward, and as we came to the forefront with our message, it caused us to all begin to twinkle together, for they were joined with *we*. So it is not *they* any longer, but it is in our hands to sound the last trump of God; and they are part of us.

After Luke joined Paul's ministry, he could no longer say, "They said this," or "They did that," or "This is what I have heard." But before this, we can read the introduction there in the book that bears his name (the Book of Luke), where he tells us that those that followed Jesus Christ from the beginning related these things to him, and he wrote what they said. And it was inspiration causing them to give the most correct thoughts of what had happened from their knowledge, and they told Luke these things and he recorded them and sent them to a certain man he called 'most excellent Theophilus,' which would be someone high up, someone important. So Luke gave a report to this man. For some reason it was important for Luke to tell him, to let him know what had happened, how these things transpired. So the writings of Luke became a most valuable record, showing a beautiful story of the life of Jesus Christ, from His birth to His resurrection. And I tell you, that record is so wonderful that God saw that the Book of Luke would be included in one of the four gospels of the New Testament.

When we read in *Acts*, Chapter 1, we find Luke writing to the same person that he wrote to in Luke, Chapter 1. He began writing the Book of Acts after our Lord Jesus Christ ascended on high, recording about Him coming back in the form the Holy Ghost, and what happened on the day of Pentecost, and that great testimony that Peter gave, and so many other wonderful things that took place; and he did some wonderful writing there showing what *they* said and did. And until about Chapter 16 of the Book of Acts, he was saying what *they* said, and what *they* did, and in some of it he had personal knowledge, but basically he was saying *they*. It was only after he joined himself to Paul that he began to say *we*.

Now as promised, let us begin reading in Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 7, with those thoughts in mind. It starts off saying, "*After they.*" See, what *they* did. And what *they* did is good, but *we* are here. I am going to stop on that very word 'they,' for here I want to bring in a dream that I had, which I have recently told about, but I want to bring it in again. In the dream, I had walked into a house, and while I was standing there, a man walked up to me and said, "This was left for you," and he handed me an envelope, and it had 'Ben Howard' written on it. And I thought to myself, "Oh, I will see what this is about!" So I opened it, and it was just a clean white sheet of paper; it had nothing written on it at all. So there is where the *we* picked up, for *us* to take it from here. That is what God is doing with us in the realm of *we and us*, not in the realm of what *they* did. Yes, they did many good things; but it came to *we, us*.

Many of those great leaders and ministers have gone on to their reward, and those that are part of the Wife of the Lamb, they are right here with us, and they are hearing us,

and they have become part of *we*; because when God sent Christ Jesus back to this earth, shown in 1 Thessalonians 4:14, He sent with Him those spirits, those souls, and He brought them back to earth to hear this message of the last trump of God, the message of the glorified flesh and bones, to be part of this *we*. They are part of that *they* and also a part of *we*; and we are part of that *they* and *we*. But the *they*, 'they did this' or 'they did that' is behind us; that is something we have come through or something we have heard about, and we would not necessarily have to be directly associated with what they did.

When reading the four gospels, there are very few places where they each described the accounts they witnessed the exact same way in their testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ; for when it came to the deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ that were done, they wrote down what they remembered, and it comes out just a little different in each testimony. When I was reading the Bible about Jesus Christ going up on the mountain there, I noticed one of the writers said, "After eight days we went up on the mountain." Well, the next one was describing the exact same thing and said 'after six days.' See, they each told what they recalled it to be. But when it came to His crucifixion, that was a stable truth in which they all stayed consistent with. So when we take all four gospels together (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), we get a good picture there. But when Luke wrote, he just scooped it all up, and he gave us a good book, the Book of Luke. And then he did the same thing with the Book of Acts. So Luke and the others show us what *they* did. That was *they*, but the *we* is the clean white sheet of paper, and that is for us (and that is what God gave Paul in his day also.) It is like what Jesus Christ said to the Pharisees and

Sadducees when they were asking Him, "What is your doctrine?" And His answer was, "I do nothing until the Father shows me." That was the *we* part. Many times the religious Jews would say to Him, "But Moses said." See, that is the *they*, what Moses said. But Jesus said unto them, "Yes, I agree; Moses said that. But *I say* unto you," thus showing the *we* part all through His ministry.

That is kind of like it was with Brother William Branham's message, and Brother Raymond Jackson's message, and the different ones through time. They had some wonderful things from the Lord. But God has always allowed His ministers in days gone by (especially when there is another step to come forward) to preach their personal thoughts on certain scriptures, but when those scriptures are actually fulfilled, many times it comes out a little different than what they thought it would be. And we can say, "They said this," and "They said that." For instance, take the millennium, what Brother Branham said about it—"The earth is going to be burned up, and there will be nothing here, but it will be a honeymoon for the Bridegroom and the Bride." That is what *they* said, but here came Brother Jackson with revelation (and that was the *we* part of that message there) saying, "They will build houses in the millennium and they will live in them. In the Book of Revelation, Chapter 19, the Lord Jesus comes back (us with Him), and He starts that thousand years millennium, and the devil is bound for a thousand years and afterwards is loosed to try the people that were born and raised in the millennium." Brother Jackson also told us about how the little children would play, and that they would even lead the lion and the leopard, and that there would be suckling babies. And he said the people would build houses and

plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. He brought all those things in; that was the *we* part for that time. But then Brother Jackson was asked about the seven thunders of Revelation, Chapter 10. At first, he said, "In my opinion, it will be seven men that will rise up, seven prophets." Then a brother wrote and asked him, "Brother Jackson, did you say the seven thunders would be seven *prophets*?" And he said, "Well, what it will be is seven *apostles*," and said, "I will explain it more later on." But the point being is the seven thunders were the seven voices of those seven church age messengers coming through the seven church ages, which brought us to the place where God sent Christ Jesus down to earth with a little book in His hand. Christ Jesus came with a little book in His hand and gave it to a people so there would be the feminine attributes in one group, which is the Wife of the Lamb, and the masculine attributes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the great King. So now God has Man and Woman (Husband and Wife) again in the earth just like He had to start with, thus profiling the masculine and feminine as He did in Adam and Eve in the beginning.

So we have come through the *they's*. But now *they* have become part of the *we* because of the fact that they brought us up to the point where *they* and *we* became the same through this last trumpet message as they are hearing this last trumpet of God sounding out this message for this moment of the twinkling of an eye. And *we* all go together in the rapture.

I remember a vision Brother Branham had about being in a meeting in a huge tent. And in this tent stood a little rectangular building between the prayer line and the pulpit, with a door on each end. And the angel of the Lord

that was with him said, "I will meet you in there," as the pillar of fire whirled and went inside this little building. And he said when the people went into the building with a missing leg or a missing arm, they would come out the other door with their limb restored. And when asked what happened in there, they would say, "I do not know! I just got a new arm!" or "I just got a new leg!" and so on like that. So there are great things that God has done and is doing. See, that is what *they* said. But this trumpet of God that is now sounding is not just receiving a new leg or a new heart or a new arm, but it gives us a new body made out of glorified flesh and bones. That is the *we* vision for our time of the moment of the twinkling of an eye, which is now taking place as is written in the Word of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

So watch the word *they*, telling what they did; and it is all right to tell about what they did. But let us not leave it at *they*; for it has come to *we*. Verse 7, "*After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*" In other words, they wanted to go Bithynia, but the Holy Ghost said, "No, keep yourselves out of there." That is like Brother Branham; one time he was going to go to Israel. He was going over there to let them see the sign of the Son of man (as he would call them up and tell them where they were from and heal the sick), and the Holy Spirit said, "Stay out of Israel; it is not time yet," — that was the *they* part. Now the *we* part of going to Israel, *that* is yet to be written. Praise the Lord! But then, we do have some Word on it. So we are watching that.

Again, "*but the Spirit suffered them not.*" In other words, the Spirit would not let them go. Verses 8-9, "*And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to*

Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." That is so great! The Spirit spoke and told them, "Do not go there, but go over here." See, that is leadership. And we can double that now that both legs of the coming of the Lord has taken place, showing forth God's working in the Wife of the Lamb in the fullness of Christ.

Now as we go forward from Verse 10, Luke came and joined up with Paul; he was a scribe and joined the team that went with Paul. And from then on, he did not say, "*they* did this," or "*they* did that," or "I heard *they* did this," and "I heard *they* did that." No, he said *we*. Watch Verse 10 of how the revelation comes from *they* to *we*. (This is the verse I wanted to get, for here it goes into *we*.) Before this, it was *they*. And I am sure glad there was a *they* because I would not know about many of these things if it was not for *they*. But now it has come to the *we*, for it went from *they* to *we*. And now *they* have become *we*! Yes, they joined with us and became *we* and are right here with us. Hallelujah! And we have been writing on that clean white sheet of paper, which we have been given, the Word shown in our books. It is not something that *they* said. But God has given us the perfect man's revelation, the full stature of the man Christ Jesus, for we operate in the fullness of Christ, and much of what is spoken, we simply speak by inspiration.

It is just like what Paul said in the Book of Galatians, Chapter 1, "When God called me into this ministry, made me to be an apostle, a messenger, I did not go to those that were apostles before me. I did not ask them what I should do here or what I should do there. But this came by the revelation of Jesus Christ." And he began to preach things

they had never heard of before. And then he began to use the words *she, her, virgin*, showing the feminine part of Christ had begun to shine through his espousal message. It was God, for it was the very foundation of God creating a virgin to be married to His Son, Jesus Christ, with those feminine attributes. We could see some of those feminine attributes in the virgin that Paul espoused to Christ Jesus; and that was *they*. But now it is *we* the Wife of the Lamb here in the earth, for our marriage has taken place, and it is not *they* any longer.

One of the things that I have been saying all along is that it must be by revelation. And when Paul went up to Jerusalem to preach in Galatians, Chapter 2, he said, “by revelation I went.” And here in Acts, Chapter 16, we find that they assayed to go to a certain place, but the Spirit suffered them not to go there, and then here came the *we*, a man standing before him in a night vision, a dream, and said, “Paul, come to Macedonia and help us.” That was the clue, so they loaded up and went to Macedonia, and all heaven opened to them. Praise God!

Notice in Verses 7-9—*they* did this, *they* did that. But when we get to Verse 10, it says, “*And after he had seen the vision, immediately we...*” We—now Luke is not just talking about they anymore; he is talking about *we*, “*we* went here.” And Luke never did have to write again that ‘James said it happened this way, and another one said it happened that way.’

So there was a *they* for us, the same as it was with Luke. But now it is *we*, for it is in our hands, and we are writing on this clean white sheet of paper. So that is the *we*. And *we* are going forward! *We* are presenting by revelation, in the fullness of Christ, this message of the glorified flesh and

bones. So the *we* is what is going forth from here. So we cannot base what we are saying and doing on what Brother Branham said or what Brother Jackson said. For *they* were the *we* for their time period. But now it is *we* that are carrying the torch of the gospel in the fullness of Christ the Wife of the Lamb. So we are writing on that clean white sheet of paper, filling it in, and when it is all filled up, then we will all go up!

Continuing Verse 10, "*And after he had seen the vision, immediately we...*" This is the first *we* of Luke joining and being officially the one to write down what was going on. And God has some that are officially here to write down what is said and done today in this moment of the twinkling of an eye. I remember sometime after my wife and I got married, we were in our kitchen making some hamburger patties, and she turned to me and said, "What did you say?" And I said, "I did not say anything." And she said, "I heard a voice say, "If you only knew why you were here and what *we* are to do." At the time, the Lord did not reveal it to her, but now she knows by revelation why she is here and what we are to do. See, there is something to do, for the Lord has given us a commission and He helps us. There is the *we*. It is not good for man to be alone, so the Lord Jesus Christ took Himself a Wife; and now it is *we* from here on out. It cannot be *them* or *they*, but it is *we*, the whole body of *they* and *we* together.

We appreciate the things *they* did but now it is *we* in the forefront. God is doing a special working, and we write it down. In other words, it is up to us to record the revelation He gives to *us*. And it does not have to coincide exactly with what was said in days gone by because God let them make their errors along the way so that He could keep on

moving and leading a people by the revelation of His Word. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the Wife of the Lamb. The Husband is the head, but the Wife is the heart. We are the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are a special group that was given the little book of Revelation, Chapter 10, which was within the Big Book of Revelation, Chapter 5. And the Lord separated out the little book from the Big Book, thus showing the Wife of the Lamb is separate from all others. For when the little book was brought down to earth and given to us, we took it and ate it up and became the Wife of the Lamb, glorified flesh and bones.

Notice, the little book went up in the days of Paul, for that was the sounding of the trumpet during the espousal, but the marriage did not take place. So the little book was taken away, the anointing of that message. But when it was brought back, we picked up at the same place, and then we ate up the little book and became what the little book is, the Wife of the Lamb in Her fullness, in Her glory! The revelation of this is brought out so beautifully in our book, *The She Part of Christ is the Wife of the Lamb in All Her Glory*. Yes, that clean white sheet of paper is still being filled in. The glory is still coming forth. God is still blessing. Amen.

Continuing Verse 10, "*immediately we endeavoured to go...*" This is so important; are *we* ready to go? That is what I am asking you. That is what the point of the message is, "*Are we ready, or are we relying on they?*" *They* are the men of old, the ministers of the past; and like I say, we want to honor them for doing the heavy lifting for us—but they only carried it so far. And God let them make their mistakes so that we would go on and not say, "I am going to say word for word what this man said." Even Brother

Branham on some of his messages tells them, "Just say only what the tapes say." Well, that is true if you are repeating what he is saying. But if we go forth and only say what the tapes say as being 'The Gospel,' then that is not the *we* gospel. That is not even *they* because the *they* that became *we* is living and moving in the realm of the glorified flesh and bones. In other words, if there was something that did not fit with *we*, we had to say, "We are going to walk in the light, and walk on with God."

So we came to the place where we are writing on a clean white sheet of paper, and it is *we*. See, Luke got to the place where what *they* said was no longer the message for him. Yes, he understood and believed it, but it was laid on his shoulders to take the *we*. He had to take it and become the *we* and tell where '*we* went, and what *we* did.' So that is why he was such a great help to Paul. He was a beloved physician. And he was a scribe; for God had raised him up, trained him, and gave him the ability to write. God gave him the ability to do what He ordained him to do. And that is what God has given the Wife of His Son—the ability to do what He has ordained us to do. And the way He is doing this is so precious and so wonderful. He did not give this ability all to one person, but *together*, working together with the same mind, the mind of Christ in marriage, and with the same judgment; and this equips us to bring out a product that we (the whole body) can be proud of, because we have published the Word by the revelation of the glorified flesh and bones with the anointing of the fullness of Christ, as the whole body believes and is one with this revelation.

Notice, Luke says, "*immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly...*" And I like things assuredly. In

other words, they went with confidence. Can you see that? The man said to Paul in the night vision, "Come over to Macedonia, and help us," and they went to Macedonia *assuredly*. In other words, they did not say, "Well, maybe we ought to go. Maybe this. Maybe that." No, it got to the place where it was an absolute. Now had they gone to that place where the Holy Spirit suffered them not to go, then they would have been in some trouble, and nothing would have worked out right. But because of the leading of the Lord, they went to Macedonia with their heads held high and a smile on their faces. They did not go down there with drooped shoulders or anything like that. They went there looking their best. They *were* the best, and God did a great work through them. Amen.

See, "*...assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us...*" Watch, "He called *us*." Can you see that? Notice, Luke is even including himself in the calling! For when God put him in there, he believed it and he confessed it. He said *we*, and now he is saying *us*. "*...assuredly gathering...*" Gathering—that is their thoughts, all of them gathering, "Yes, this is what we ought to do." They had unity, one hundred percent. "*...assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*" He did not say, "Paul is going down there to preach. Paul is this. Paul is that." No, it had gone from *they* unto *we*, *us*. Luke was included in the *we* as going to preach the gospel and doing what was to be done.

So here Luke says, "*...assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*" He did not say he was just going to go with them, but he said '*to preach the gospel.*' So Luke got right in there and helped Paul out, along with some of the others that were with him. And

Luke took a notebook with him everywhere he went because he never knew when something was going to transpire that was so good that he would want to write it down so that he would not forget! Many times Luke felt like saying (as was said about me by a preacher in West Virginia), “Never spake a man like this man as he revealed the Word.”

So there is a *they* and a *we* in Luke’s writings. And prior to our time of receiving our clean white sheet of paper, we could only say, “They did this,” and “They said that.” But what are *we* saying? That is what *they* preached, but what are *we* preaching? That is what *they* believed, but what are *we* believing? That was the Lord, and He was real to them. But how about us? He is real to *us*. He is revealing things to us, for that special part of the Word that was with God in the beginning has gotten into the body and made us glorified flesh and bones. Amen! Praise God! Praise God! Hallelujah!

Verse 11, “*Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;*” I wanted to get that *we* there. Luke no longer was saying, ‘*they said.*’—“Someone said that Peter went down to Cornelius’ house.” Well, they could write about it. And Luke did. See, he was writing something that he had been told. And in the Book of Luke there, starting in the first chapter, he said he was writing what those that were with the Lord Jesus Christ from the beginning related to him. But then it changed from *they* unto *we*—present tense. It is the same for us, for we are not writing what they said, what they related to us, but it is we, present tense. For the gospel has gone from they unto we.

O' my Father, we pray that you will take these words and use them for your glory. We ask this in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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