



Doubtless Living!

THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!



THE RISE OF OPPOSITION

Four Controversies

Part One

Luke 5:27–32



What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you see this logo?

Controversy Over Association

- 1 What did Jesus say to Levi and how did he respond?
- 2 What do people find most difficult to leave behind when they follow Jesus?
- 3 What were Levi's first actions as a new follower of Jesus?

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6 What was the point of the Pharisees' question?

Tax collectors were ceremonially unclean because:

- They had frequent contact with Gentiles, and
- They willingly served the Romans.

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JESUS' OUTREACH TO OUTCASTS

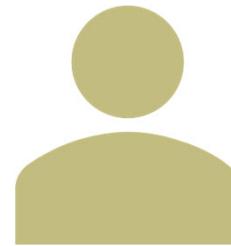
- Jesus sought out and intentionally associated with the outcasts of society as part of His mission.
- Jesus sees in the outcast as an opportunity for God to show His grace & love.
- Jesus didn't flinch at upsetting traditions; His primary concern was the spiritual condition of those He met.
- According to Jesus, no man or woman is without hope until the messenger of hope has been definitely rejected.
- This passage exposes the deeply personal character of Jesus' mission and challenges us to be more like Him.

DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

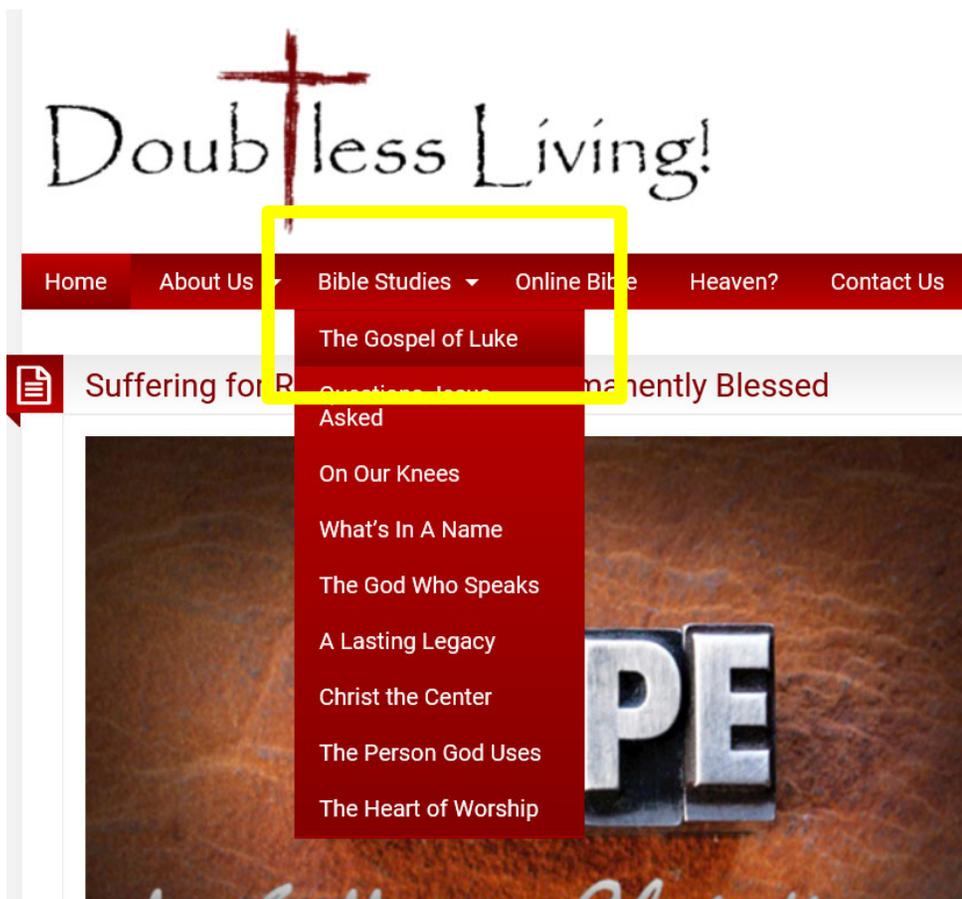
"Association with outcasts is a part of outreach – isolation from sinners is not the call of the disciple."
Darrell Bock



What traditions do you adhere to simply because they are traditions. Are they holding you back from sharing the love of Christ?



To whom in your life can you reach out to in the days ahead that others have neglected or ignored?



Doubtless Living – The Gospel of Luke

That You May Have Certainty

The Gospel of Luke is the only Gospel in the New Testament with a stated purpose. Luke, a well-educated physician and close friend of the Apostle Paul, wrote an orderly account for his friend Theophilus so that he would have certainty concerning the things he had been taught about Jesus.

Luke undertook the writing of his Gospel because he had a strong desire for Theophilus to have more than head knowledge about Jesus. Luke wanted his friend to develop a deeply personal belief and confident assurance in the indisputable fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise and that He alone is the Way of salvation. And, Luke wanted Theophilus and all like him to know that salvation is available directly to all nations through Jesus.

Understanding the truth about Jesus would allow Theophilus then and all of us today to live our lives without doubts and without fear. So, Luke wrote a careful orderly account so that we may have certainty about that which we have been taught about Jesus (1:4).

In this series we dive deep into the Gospel of Luke, with an inductive approach, endeavoring to understand more deeply the Word of God; what it says, what it means, and how it applies to our everyday lives. And through this study, we aspire to grow in our relationship with Christ that we may indeed practice Doubtless Living!

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Luke 6:1-11