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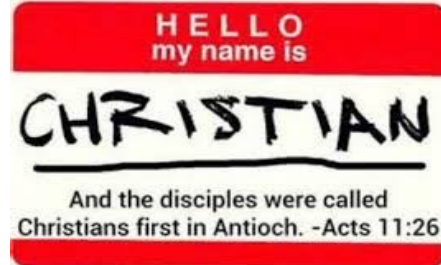
In this week's Confidence Corner we want to consider some behind the scenes facts regarding the division of the land of Canaan that we read about in the book of Joshua. In Chapter 13

some interesting information is revealed--there was still much land to conquer but God instructed Joshua to be sure to divide up the land (God is faithful--they will have the land). Joshua was instructed to divide up the unconquered land between the nine tribes and the western half of Manasseh's portion as well.

After reading of the division of the land east of the Jordan, chapter 14 sets out to provide details regarding the division of the land of Canaan (west of the Jordan). Let me provide some information that is not always thought of regarding this process but that you might find helpful. First, the text reveals that Eleazar (high priest) along with Joshua and the heads of the fathers of the tribe of Israel came together for the allotment of the land. We are reminded that the sons of Joseph became two tribes--Manasseh and Ephraim (compare Gen.48:5 and Gen. 35:22--because of Reuben's incest with Bilhah Joseph was awarded the double portion which usually went to the firstborn son).

We also read some information important regarding Caleb. He had years earlier been allotted land because he followed YHWH completely. This took place as YHWH was speaking to Moses about Joshua and Caleb (who at the time was 40 yrs old) while they were at Kadesh-Barnea. Information is provided that Caleb was a Kenizite (therefore a descendant of Edom but we also know that his family was assimilated into the tribe of Judah) and his father Jephunneh, married a daughter of Hur from the clan of Chelubai (1 Chron. 2:9, 18-19). We also learn from 14:10, where 45 years is mentioned, that Caleb's reminder of his claim to the land based on YHWH's promise took place about 7 years into Joshua's military campaigns (12 spies returned in the autumn of the second year after the Exodus (Num. 13:25) and 38 yrs have passed until the Israelites reached the Jordan (Num. 20:1).

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## They'll Know We Are Christians

Peter Scholtes

**Verse 1:** We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that our unity may one day be restored:

**Chorus:** And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Verse 2:** We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

**Chorus:** And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Verse 3:** All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:

## Sunday's Sermons:

**AM — DANGEROUS DELAY**

**HEBREWS 2:1-4**

**PM — THE ONES**

**ACTS 11:26**

## SAYING IT DOES NOT MAKE IT SO

Have you ever known someone who thought that just because they said something that automatically made it right? Well, maybe they do not realize that is what they are doing. Nonetheless, it is what they are doing. I've even known people that, in various religious contexts, will state that something is a fact, when indeed it is not. How many times have you heard someone say, "When the wise men came to the manger" or "Jesus fell beneath the weight of the cross." Neither of these statements is true if one is using the Bible as a guide. The wise men went to a house to see Jesus, and Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus, but the text nowhere explicitly states that Jesus fell beneath the weight of the cross. When people used to read Max Lucado, I would often hear them say, "He says things I never heard anyone say about that passage." My response to make people think was simply, "Have you ever considered that you have never heard that before because the passage does not say it?" Consider the following example, and then let us draw some points together.

Chocolate is derived from the cocoa bean. We all know beans are a vegetable. Sugar is derived from either sugar cane or sugar beets. Both sugar cane and sugar beets are plants and thus a vegetable. This proves that chocolate is a vegetable. Chocolate candy bars also are known to contain milk, which is classified as dairy (one of the main food groups). So candy bars made of chocolate are not only vegetables but also health food. Consider as well that many fruits are covered by chocolate (raisins, cherries, and strawberries to name a few) so again...if you eat chocolate in different forms you could be getting your daily allowance of vegetables, fruit, and dairy. Who knew? One additional thing to remember is that stressed spelled backwards is desserts.

I don't think my mom would buy my argument above. Since I can remember she has been very health conscious. Don't get me wrong, that has no doubt been a blessing to my entire family. But though we can see the twisted logic in the example above, those who twist the logic of Scripture deceive many people.

How many times have people been led astray by a preacher who tells them, "If you will accept Jesus as your Savior right now you will be on your way to heaven... It's easy all you have to do is say the following prayers: Lord Jesus I accept you as my personal Savior, please forgive me of my sins. Now that you have been saved sign your name here as a saved person."

Now don't get me wrong. If you can search the Scriptures and find an example of the sinner's prayer then I say "no problem." If you cannot, why would you possibly trust that such could save?

If you do search you Bible I know you will find that to avoid hell and gain heaven you must:

- 1) Hear the Word of God (Rom. 10:17)
- 2) Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 3:16)
- 3) Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3-5)
- 4) Confess (Matt. 10:32)
- 5) Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 22:16; and I Peter 3:21)
- 6) Live faithful (Rev. 2:10; Acts 14:22; Acts 2:47).

May we always trust God and His Word and not man and his logic.

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