

Christ in You

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Numbers 13-14.

B. Memorize John 14:21.

II. Murmuring of the Israelites.

A. The Old Testament models what the New Testament teaches. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

B. Background.

1. Moses appointed responsible mature men.
2. Canaan is inferred to be the victorious life now.
3. The promised life is now.
4. This promised life is the land flowing with milk and honey - a really good place.
5. The people began murmuring with sadness since they were not in the land - the power of life and death is in the tongue. (Proverbs)
6. God did not say that the people could take the land, but instead that he would overcome.
7. The Lord is our strength and victory.
8. Moses interceded for the people before God and reminded Him of His promises.(Psalm 106:23)
 - a. Success depends upon our decisions before God. We must be right before God.
 - b. We do not get around to thanking God for what we have until something goes wrong. (1 Corinthians 10:10, Philippians 2:14)
 - c. The people did not believe that God could look after little children and he judged them for it.
9. Saul had a chance of annihilating the Amelikes who picture the flesh, but he did not. (1 Samuel 15:23)
 - a. We need to learn to obey over sacrificing.
 - b. To obey is better than sacrifice.

II. Caleb had a different spirit. (Joshua 14)

A. Moses gave the people a Word from God as was in his heart.

1. To not please men you have to come to a place where you can be honest with yourself concerning God's promises.
2. The Lord may not tell you why He is doing something difficult. He may be doing it to prune you. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 20:24, John 14)
3. For the most part we must go out to do evangelism.

B. Moses claimed the promises, but the people's murmuring hindered him in receiving them. (Psalm 84:11)

1. Watch saying that a reward is coming when you think you have worked hard.
2. It does not necessarily get any easier.

C. Caleb clung to the promises of God.

1. If the Lord says we can do it, we can do it.
2. We must however have the spirit of Caleb that claimed the promises of God.
 - a. A soldier should only ask for himself the opportunity to distinguish himself in the battle.
 - b. Fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Father can be ours if we keep His words and do what He says. (John 14:21)
 - c. The victory belongs to those who are willing to wait on God to have another spirit.

Application questions

1. How did Caleb handle adversity that is different from how most handle it?

2. How does Caleb model the right attitude to have toward God's promises?

3. What challenges are you currently facing? How can you rely on God's promises to get you through it?
