

Out of Many One (A Christian's Response To CRT)

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Introduction:

CRT has been one of the “big issues” this summer, concerning curriculum in schools and even in the military. This goes along with the 1619 Project which interprets everything in our country's history through the prism of slavery. This gets to the segregation of our country into different groups at odds with each other. CRT looks at white people as oppressors and everybody else as being oppressed. See chart.

I) The Bible Breaks Down Man By Characteristics

A) Nationality, Gods, Tribes

1. Those in the land of Canaan has a common ancestry.
 - a. Ham-- **Genesis 10:1** *Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.*
 - b. Ham's descendants settled in Canaan. **Genesis 10:6** *The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.*
 - c. The tribes (nations) in Canaan -- **Genesis 10:15** *Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; 16 the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; 17 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; 18 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. 19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. 20 These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages,*

in their lands and in their nations.

- B) Notice – according to their families, languages, and lands. I might add they also eventually worshipped different gods.
1. They did not get along with each other as we read of a war in **Genesis 14** and the capture of Lot.
 2. **Genesis 14:8** *And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim **9** against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar-four kings against five.*
 3. Man has found different things to divide over – race, language, religion, etc.

II) Learning From History Is Important

A) There have been many injustices in overall history of mankind.

1. Our nation is no different.
 - a. Indians – taken off their tribal lands, treaties broken, “Trail of Tears”
 - i. Indians taken from the South and North, moved off their land.
 - ii. Andrew Jackson – 1830 The Removal Act
 - iii. Trail of Tears where thousands of Indians marched over 5000 miles, many died.
 - b. Slavery – brutal, Dread Scott Cases ruled a black person was not really a person.

- i. Tulsa Race Riots – 1921 in Tulsa there was a effluent black population.
 - ii. “Black Wall Street”
 - iii. Thirty five city blocks were burned, a number were killed.
 - iv. Corbin, KY 1919 a mob forced all black people from Corbin by putting them on a freight train.
2. Important to learn from history but you can’t undo it.
 3. One time or another every group can claim some injustice. Sexism, race, fat/skinny, short/tall, etc.

B) Jephthah’s Answer

Judges 11:12 *Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying, "What do you have against me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?" **13** And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those lands peaceably." (**14** So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, **15** and said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon; **16** 'for when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. **17** 'Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let me pass through your land." But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained in Kadesh. **18** 'And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other*

side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 'Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land into our place." 20 'But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 'And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. 22 'They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan. 23 'And now the LORD God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? 24 'Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God takes possession of before us, we will possess. 25 'And now, are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them? 26 'While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time? 27 'Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you wronged me by fighting against me. May the LORD, the Judge, render judgment this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon.'"

1. There was about 300 years from the events spoken of to this time.
2. Israel did not just take the land from those people, they asked for permission to pass through their land.
3. We didn't take the land until you attacked us!
4. God gave them the land, they would do the same thing if their

god gave them the land.

5. You had 300 years to make this claim and it is too late to make it now.
6. I have not sinned against you.

C) **When correcting wrongs how far do you go back? 50, 100, 200 years.**

2 Kings 14:6 *But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin."*

1. From whom did the Indians take their land?
2. How about the Japanese sent to camps during WW II?
3. A lot of this is trying to even the score for past actions, Where does this end?

III) **If You Look for Enemies That Is What You Will Have**

A) **We are warned of judging with evil motives.**

James 2:2 *For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, **3** and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," **4** have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?*

1. Prejudice is easy because you can confirm it, you can always find a reason.

2. The Jews found a reason to condemn Jesus.

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

B) We are called to be peacemakers.

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

1. We are told to go the extra mile in order to have peace, without contradicting God's word.
2. Jesus came to establish peace between God and man, we are called to be peacemakers.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

IV) We All Have A Common Bond

A) All made in God's image.

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers?

1. Everybody is flesh and blood, with one soul.
2. We are all sinners.
3. We are all in need of salvation.
4. We are all reconciled to God in Christ.

Genesis 26:4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the

stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Galatians 3:8 *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."*

B) We are all individuals and will be judged as individuals.

1. Ruth was a godly woman but she was a Moabite.

Ruth 1:16 *But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."*

2. We will all individually be judged by the word of God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

Conclusion:

Ephesians 2:11 *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of*

separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,