Subject: Luke
Posted by Gary on Tue, 01 Jan 2013 12:11:25 GMT
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Luke the gentile?

For years I have always held to the view that Luke was the gentile that travelled with Paul on his missionary journeys. Luke was called the gentile of gentiles by some and there have been written many books on Luke the gentile.

But upon reading the book of Luke and the book of Acts I cannot find any reference that Luke was a gentile. No mention of him in the Epistles show that he was a gentile.

The church fathers make no mention of Luke as being a gentile as well.

I did find a few articles which spoke of Luke the Jew who travelled with Paul. I looked over some of my old notes and found that this teaching was present in our meetings and that is, that Luke was considered a gentile.

No where has it been written in any historical accounts to the best of my knowledge, that Luke was a gentile. In fact the author of Luke and Acts shows a consistent knowledge of jewish history and practices.

My question is: Does anyone know where they came up with this teaching that Luke was a gentile?

Does anyone else here think that Luke was a gentile or have I been the only one who has held to believe this teaching that is widely accepted in Christianity?

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One more thing, I hope this is in the right category.

I realize this is not some major doctrinal teaching concerning what difference it makes if Luke was a Gentile or Jew. But I am finding out there are many teachings going around in Christian circles that are not found in Scripture and are accepted as basic truth.

It just appears there is a settle twisting of the Bible in every area.

I am just puzzled how anyone can assume Luke was a gentile, and where did this concept originate?

May be no one here has a clue either and I should ask else where. LOL

Subject: Re: Luke
Posted by william on Tue, 01 Jan 2013 19:47:06 GMT
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I don't think it matters much whether he was a Jew or Gentile but there is at least some indication that he was a gentile from Col 4:7-14. Paul states here: Quote:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only [are my] fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.
This quote doesn't include Luke who is mentioned later in the same passage.

Couple that with an examination of his writings which seems as if he wrote from a gentile perspective (very differently than Mathew or Mark) and also the viewpoint handed down by tradition that he was a gentile and it seems to me that he most likely was a gentile.

Rom 3:1-2 seems to be the only objection that others have used that would be evidence of his Jewishness. The fact that his writings are obviously considered 'the oracles of God' gives weight to his being a Jew.

This might sway the day if one concludes that the gentiles could never be entrusted with the oracles of God but, in my opinion, this is not to be taken as an absolute rule that would forever prevent gentile participation in such matters.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Luke
Posted by Gary on Wed, 02 Jan 2013 09:43:39 GMT

Colossians definitely sounds like Luke may be a gentile. This is the first verse I have seen anyone give that sounded like a good explanation.

It would be interesting to know if there are other passages in the NT that allude to this as well. For now I have to agree with you this is a good indicator that he was a gentile.

Not that it matters in the light of eternity but its interesting to know where everyone comes up with all these ideas.