

The Epistle of Jude

Sunday March 31, 2019 AD

MY PURPOSE: To teach through the Epistle of Jude to keep us all in sober remembrance of the danger of false teachers who will come with a different spirit, they will bring a different Gospel, and a different Jesus.

To encourage a corporate humility of mind and a deeper dependence on prayer in the Holy Spirit.

JUDE'S GREETING (VERSES 1 AND 2)

¹Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

1: Jude identified himself first as a (doulos) or slave₁ of Jesus Christ as did all of those whom God used as his prophets and apostles to write His Holy Word as did also the early church Fathers and the Reformers. Jude then identified himself as the brother of James. The New Testament reveals that this brother of Jude's is the same James who wrote the Epistle of James and who was also the leader of the Jerusalem Church. Both Jude and his brother James were half- brothers of Jesus of Nazareth.

2. Jude identifies his recipients as the called (the elect, the chosen), those beloved of God the Father and kept (by God's power) by Christ and for Christ. All a gift of God's sovereign redeeming Grace.

By Grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone. **Ephesians 2:4, 8-10 Philippians 2:5-13 1John 2:5-6**

1-Slave: The hidden truth about your identity in Christ/John MacArthur 2010

JUDE'S PURPOSE (VERSES 3 AND 4)

Jude 1: 3-4

³Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

⁴ For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

To contend earnestly: (Greek verb) epagonizomai

Webster dictionary 1828- to strive with intensity , to strive against; to struggle in opposition, to dispute earnestly; to strive in debate; to reprove sharply; to strive to convince and reclaim.

For the Faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Deuteronomy 13:1-18

¹If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ²and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, “let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,” ³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. ⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

⁶ If your brother, your mother’s son, or your son or daughter, or the wife you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, “Let us go and serve other gods” (whom neither you nor your fathers have known),...

⁸ you shall not yield to him or listen to him; and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.....

Galatians 1: 6-12

Matthew 7:13-29

Jude: 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD’S DAY 50

QUESTION 125: What is the fourth petition?

ANSWER: Give us today our daily bread.

That is: provide for us all our bodily needs ¹ so that we may acknowledge that you are the only fountain of all good, ² and that our care and labor, and also your gifts, cannot do us any good without your blessing. ³ Grant therefore, that we may withdraw our trust from all creatures and place it only in you. ⁴

1. Ps 104:27-30; 145:15,16; Mt 6:25-34
2. Acts 14:17; 17:25; Jas 1:17
3. Deut. 8:3; Ps 37:16; 127:1,2; 1Cor 15:58
4. Ps 55:22; 62; 146; Jer. 17: 5-8; Heb. 13:5