

Jude – An Introduction

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I. Introduction – v. 1, 2

A. His Identity

1. Jude: Praise
2. As a bond servant of Jesus Christ: His spiritual relationship
 - a. This speaks of ownership and committed service
3. As a brother of James (Acts 15:13; Galatians 1:19). His physical relationship
 - a. A half-brother of Jesus: Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3
 - b. He did not believe until after the resurrection
 - i. John 7: 5; Acts 1:14

B. His Address

1. "called" – I Corinthians 1:9; 11 Timothy 1:9; 11 Thess. 2:13, 14
 - a. Past
2. "beloved in God" – Ephesians 1-6
 - a. Present
3. "Kept for Christ" – John 17:11, 12, 15; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - a. Future

C. His Greeting

1. Mercy
2. Peace: Philippians 4:6 "This is ours when we worry about nothing, pray about everything and thank God for anything." – DL Moody
3. Love

II. Purpose for writing – vs. 3,4

A. An appeal to contend for the faith – v. 3

1. Contend = strive together – Philippians 1:27
2. I Timothy 4:1-3; Matthew 24:10, 11; II Timothy 3:1-7; 4:3, 4; II Peter 2:1-3

B. An appeal to be sober and vigilant – v. 4

1. Description of an apostate:

- a. Ungodly: destitute of reverential awe toward God" Opposite of Isaiah 66:2
 - i. No fear of God
- b. Changes the grace of God into licentiousness (Titus 2: 11-13). Disregarding accepted rules and standards; morally unrestrained
 - i. Work of Christ
- c. Denial of Jesus Christ: Master (sovereign); LORD (Deity); Jesus (Savior); Christ (Messiah)
 - i. Person of Christ