

Jude 1:1-4

THE WARNING...

- **1ST – INTRODUCTION...**

- o 1st – Next book...
 - Having finished **3 John** - we pick up our study through the Bible today in **Jude**
 - **Jude** is the 26th book of the NEW Testament...
 - It has ONE chapter – ONLY 25 verses – it will take us THREE weeks to finish!
- o 2nd - Where...
 - We have no idea WHERE the book was written...
 - Although some speculate it could have been Jerusalem [connection to James]!
- o 3rd - When...
 - Most scholars assume the book was written between 65-67 A.D.
 - They correlate it [similar content] to timing of the writing of **II Peter**
- o 4th - Outline...
 - **Jude 1:1-2** – Greeting
 - **Jude 1:3-4** – Warning
 - **Jude 1:5-16** - Examples
 - **Jude 1:17-25** – Instructions

- **2ND – THE AUTHOR... vs. 1**

- o 1st – His Name...
 - JUDE - is the name JUDAS [Ἰούδας] in GREEK...
 - The Hebrew is JUDAH [יְהוּדָה] – he shall be PRAISED!
- o 2nd – A Servant...
 - **A bondservant of Jesus Christ!**
 - BONDSERVANT [δοῦλος] - God defined the role of a bondservant - **Deuteronomy 15:17**
 - If a servant was to be set free – but CHOSE to stay – he had his ear pierced...
 - He became a BONDSERVANT – someone who CHOSE to be a slave for His master!
 - **Jesus does not demand that we give our lives to Him – it is our CHOICE...**
 - **We can CHOOSE to live for ourselves – live for this world – in BONDAGE to this life...**
 - **But the irony is when we GIVE our lives to Jesus – that is when we are truly free!**
 - **John 8:36** – “If the Son makes you

- Which is why we go out in HUMILITY – always pointing people back to the LORD!

- Meaning: there is HOPE for family...
 - You would think being raised with Jesus as an older brother – they would all BELIEVE...
 - But NONE of His brothers believed in Jesus BEFORE the resurrection...
 - **John 7:5** – “Even His brothers did not believe in Him.”
 - But eventually both JUDE and JAMES believed – and became LEADERS in the church!
 - If we have FAMILY that refused to BELIEVE in Jesus...
 - Do NOT lose heart – Jesus had the SAME problem...
 - Do NOT give up on them – there is always HOPE – they might even become PASTORS!

• 3RD – THE AUDIENCE... VS. 1

- o JUDE writes his little 25 verse LETTER [epistle] – to BELIEVERS...
- o We know this – because of FOUR describing Jude gives to us!
- o 1st – Called...
 - To those who are called!
 - CALLED [κλητός] – meaning to be INVITED ...
 - Jesus has INVITED everyone [highways and byways] to come – **Matthew 22:9**
 - Anyone who BELIEVES on the name of the Lord will be SAVED - **Romans 10:13**
 - God CALLS everyone to believe in Jesus – He WANTS them to be SAVED – **II Peter 3:9**
 - But He does not MAKE anyone BELIEVE – He just sends out the INVITES!
 - **Matthew 22:14** – “For many are called - but few are chosen.”
- o 2nd – Sanctified...
 - [To those who are] sanctified by God the Father!
 - SANCTIFIED [ἀγιάζω] – 29x in NT – to be SET apart – HOLY for the Lord...
 - Being HOLY is not something we DO – it is done for us [passive]
 - The moment we accept the INVITATION to be SAVED – we are forgiven – JUSTIFIED...
 - We are also made HOLY – SANCTIFIED - set apart for the Lord...
 - It is not that we become HOLY – God looks down on us and see us NOW as HOLY [perfect]
 - Through the work of cross – it is if we have NEVER sinned –

- The result will be it will CHANGE us – make us His kids...
- We become HOLY – because we no longer belong to this world!

o 4th – Preserved...

- [To those who are] preserved in Jesus Christ!
 - PRESERVED [τηρέω] – to PROTECT – keep an EYE on...
 - The context points to Jesus WATCHING over our SALVATION...
 - Jesus protects us – so that we do not STUMBLE in our WALK!
 - **Jude 1:24** – “Now to Him who is able to keep [τηρέω] you from [falling]...”
- We are NOT alone in our Christian WALK...
 - When a young child is learning to walk – Dad is right there watching...
 - He does not get UPSET when the child falls – he PICKS them back up...
 - Dusts them off – kisses the bruises – and has them try again!
 - Jesus is always there to HELP us – He is WATCHING over us...
 - That does not mean we are PERFECT – we may TRIP up once while...
 - We might even TRIP up EVERY day – but Jesus is always there to pick us back up...
 - He does not get UPSET – He kisses the bruises – dries the tears – and has us try again!
 - **Proverbs 24:16** – “The godly may trip seven times - but they will get up again.”
- We still have a CHOICE...
 - PRESERVED – does not mean we have no CHOICE...
 - There are those who adamantly hold to - ONCE saved ALWAYS saved...
 - They point out - no man can take us out of Jesus hand - **John 10:28**
 - And nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus - **Romans 8:39**
 - But there is a problem - people DO walk away from the FAITH...
 - We have examples like Demas – who loved the world – **II Timothy 4:10**
 - When we respond to the INVITATION of God – and He makes us HOLY...
 - That does not mean we LOSE our free will – we still have a choice...
 - Our CHOICE is to REPENT – come back to Jesus when we make a mistake...
 - Because if we do not – we run the risk of a HARD heart – **Hebrews 3:13**
 - Not that Jesus ever stops WATCHING over us – but we can TURN away from Jesus!

● 4th – THE GREETING... VS. 2

- When we respond to the CALL - the free gift of salvation - we have PEACE with God...
- We have true PEACE - rest in the knowledge we are forgiven!
- **Ephesians 2:14** – “He Himself is our peace.”
- o 4th - LOVE...
 - LOVE [ἀγάπη] – noun – to have unconditional LOVE...
 - Not just a little LOVE – but a LOVE multiplied [πληθύνω]
 - The definition of this unconditional LOVE – is God himself – **I John 4:8**
 - If we want to KNOW what LOVE is – we just need to LOOK at Jesus...
 - How MUCH does God LOVE us – He was willing to DIE to save us from our SINS...
 - Meaning there was NOTHING – no PRICE too high He was not willing to pay...
 - That is the MULTIPLIED - LOVE of God given to us – through the CROSS!
 - **John 3:16** – “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son - that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- 5th – THE WARNING... vs. 3-4
 - o 1st – Prepare to Fight... vs. 3
 - Beloved!
 - BELOVED [ἀγαπητός] – those who have received the unconditional LOVE of the Father...
 - Those who responded to the INVITATION – who are HOLY - and have PEACE with God!
 - I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation!
 - The DESIRE [σπουδή] of JUDE was to write to ENCOURAGE the BELIEVERS...
 - He wanted to write a WARM letter about their COMMON salvation!
 - [But] I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly...
 - For the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints!
 - JUDE saw instead the NEED [ἀνάγκη] – was to EXHORT the believers...
 - EXHORT [παρακαλέω] to come along side – to encourage them to CONTEND...
 - CONTEND – from the root [ἀγωνίζομαι] – to FIGHT [agonize]
 - The NEED for us to FIGHT for THE [τῇ] FAITH [πίστις]
 - The FAITH – that had been given ONCE for all time [ᾧπαξ] – to the SAINTS [HOLY]
 - **Luke 13:24** – “Strive [ἀγωνίζομαι] to enter through the narrow gate...”

- **Crept in unnoticed!**
 - We might ASSUME - we could recognize a FALSE teacher - EASY to identify...
 - But FALSE teachers do not announce their entrance – hello I am a FALSE teacher...
 - They are just like their MASTER - transforms into an Angel of light – **II Corinthians 11:14**
 - The impression most have of satan is a red horned - pitchfork wielding - ugly monster...
 - But the description actually comes from the Greek god Pan - god of the underworld...
 - Likely satan spread this description of himself - so people would NOT recognize him...
 - Satan is not ugly - God created him as the perfection of beauty - **Ezekiel 28:12**
 - Likewise – FALSE teachers will imitate Godly men – they will LOOK like the real deal...
 - But they will always contradict the Word - draw others from a relationship with God!
- **Who long ago were marked out for this condemnation!**
 - Men who from OLD – it has already been written [προγράφο]
 - That they would experience THE [τὸ] Judgement [κρίμα]
 - The thought is God JUDGED these FALSE teachers a LONG time ago...
 - The point is it is INEVITABLE – their FATE is certain – HELL is their destination!
- o 3rd – FALSE Message... vs. 4
 - **Ungodly men - who turn the grace of our God into lewdness!**
 - UNGODLY [ἀσεβής] – men who REFUSE to live a GODLY life...
 - Instead they INTERPRET [μετατίθημι] the GRACE of God as a license to SIN!
 - These FALSE teachers encouraged people to LIVE in SIN...
 - They teach SIN is OK - since we have ABUNDANT GRACE – **Romans 5:20**
 - No matter how much we SIN – no matter what SIN – GRACE covers it...
 - So why not go ahead and SIN a LOT – we will still get to heaven!
 - **Romans 6:1** – “Shall we continue in sin - that grace may abound. God forbid!”
 - We are SAVED by GRACE – but GRACE should change our LIVES...
 - We can say all the right things to sound like a Christian - come to church every Sunday...
 - But it is not about what we SAY – it is about the FRUIT from our lives...
 - We will make OCCASIONAL mistakes - we are not PERFECT...
 - But if we live a life DEFINED by sin – it shows we do NOT know Jesus – **I John 3:6**
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