

TIME OF SERVICES

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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1 Peter 2:7



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Hey Jude,

Thank you so much for your book of the Bible! You're right in there with Paul and John (Sorry, George and Ringo didn't make it!). Your name "**Jude**" is a form of the name Judas in the NT and Judah in the OT. It was quite common until Judas Iscariot defamed it. Evidence points to you being the son of Mary and Joseph, thus one of Jesus' brothers (Mt 13:54-58). Yours is the shortest book in the NT, but packs a powerful message, squeezed in between two of John's books. We *really* need you. Your book shouldn't be minimized for being short.

To you readers, Jude is designed to warn Christians about deceivers who would encourage them to rebel against authority and live irreverent and licentious lives. Lessons of that type are needed in every generation, including ours. Here are some things we learn:

1. THAT THE GOSPEL AND SALVATION ARE EQUALLY ACCESSIBLE (v.3). "Our common salvation" is offered to all on the same terms. It deals with man's common problem: *sin*. We have a common salvation because we have a common faith (Titus 1:4).
2. THAT THIS GOSPEL MUST BE KEPT PURE. Covert attempts wee being made by "*ungodly men*" to turn "*the grace of God into lasciviousness and to deny Christ*" (v.4). These false teachers capitalized on man's tendency to resist authority and used devices that appealed to the flesh that can be easily ignited (v.8, 10-16,19). When the "forms" of the gospel are abandoned, it's only a short time until "what the form stood for" means little to the apostates anymore. →

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3. THAT THOSE WHO CORRUPTED THE GOSPEL ARE DESTINED TO PAY A DEAR PRICE. Examples of the past prove it. Murmurers and rebels were destroyed even after having been saved out of Egypt (v.5 cf. 1 Cor 10:1-13).

Even angels who rebelled are *"kept in everlasting bonds... until the judgment"* (v.6, 2 Pet 2:4). The fall of Sodom and Gomorrah proves the eventual penalty for the ungodly (v.7; 2 Pet 2:6). Thus the warnings: *"Woe unto them! ...the Lord cometh to execute judgment upon all ungodliness..."* (v.14,15).

4. WHAT WE SHOULD DO TO COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH ATTACKS ON THE GOSPEL (v.17-25). It's easy to get discouraged and wonder why God doesn't execute judgment immediately against rebels. It's because God is longsuffering (2 Pet 3:9). Vs 9 of Jude helps us to be more patient: *"When Michael the archangel"* disputed with the devil about the body of Moses, he didn't settle the score immediately, but said, *"the Lord rebuke thee."*

Unless we are better than Michael and those who oppose us are worse than the devil, we need to follow the same course.

5. JUDE TOLD EARLY CHRISTIANS HOW TO USE THEIR TIME. THE SAME RECIPE WILL WORK FOR US: We must be grounded in the things taught by the apostle (v.17). We must identify and avoid associating with and imitating those who promote the sensual life (v.18,19). We must grow in the use of prayer (v.20). We must keep ourselves in the love of God and keep God's grace and the hope of eternal life in proper perspective (v.21). We must be more patient and merciful in dealing with others, especially the weak (v. 22). We must be more aggressive in saving souls (v.23). We must rely more on God and less on self, giving Him the recognition and praise.

Jude closes by simply by saying *"Amen"* (so be it). Little else needs to be said. If we follow the principles of this short book, little else is needed for Christians to be victorious over all the obstacles to our faith. -db

Satan will use a little truth to float a big lie.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Rhea Vines had back surgery on Friday at St. Bernard's...Karen Livesay has been in in St. Bernard ICU and now in 2027 . Six-year-old Gracelyn Lands is undergoing kidney treatment... Cherilynn McFarland is dealing with some serious arthritis issues...Remember Kathryn Dunman's brother-in-law is undergoing treatment for severe burns from a serious auto accident...Susie Johnson (Lynissa's mom) is being treated for high blood pressure. Pat Spencer continues chemo treatments. Karen Livesay has been in St Bernard Hospital...Gail Brooks is moved to Lawrence Hall in Walnut Ridge, room 423...Continue to pray for Lavonda Townsley's special needs grandson. Courtney Harbin's mom is improving from her fall. She had a concussion and back injury. Betty Shrable still needs our prayers. She is our oldest member. Remember our shut-ins: Confined at home: Madonna Vines, Betty Shrable, Bob and Jean Evans,,...Rhea Vines (at Roger's house)...Gail Brooks room 423 Lawrence Hall, in Walnut Ridge, Rita Kieffer, St. Bernard Village ...Shirley Coots, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Joyce Riley at St. Elizabeth's Place... Pray for these!

CROSS TIES! We rejoice with Chloe Humblet on her baptism Wednesday night. What a great example! Be sure to meet her. Info: 2116 Chastain Dr., Jonesboro AR 72405; Birthday: 9/24

YOUTH TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP! Tonight at 5 to present their song leading.

DISCOVERY MAGAZINE. We subscribe to this magazine for our young people because it deals with evidences for faith. A number of back issues have accumulated. We encourage you to take advantage of this material! **Free!**

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sept 9 - SINGING at StoneRidge - 4 pm

Oct 1-6 - StoneRidge - Chuck Bartlett

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS. 8th - Sherry Horton; 11th - Jywon Green; 12th - Brandon Lee; 13th - Angie Ellis, Ryan Lands; 14th - Mike McFarland; 15th - Tyler Morgan; 24th - Chloe Humblet, Leon Morgan; 26th - JaNae Moody; 29th - Karla Morgan; 30th - John Erickson

