

Jude

1. Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

A. **Jude**- *means the praise of the Lord- a form of Judah*

B. **a bondservant of Jesus Christ**

1. **bondservant**- Gr. **doulos**- *a slave; metaphorically, one who gives himself up to another's will devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests*

a. True believers are servants of God. The false teachers that Jude will address in this book only serve themselves. vs. 12

b. The safest you can be from being led astray is to be a servant of Jesus Christ and be consecrated to His will.

2. **Jesus**- Gr. **iesous**- *Jehovah is salvation*

a. Jesus is God in the flesh. [John 1:1, 14]

b. The false teachers in the book will deny the **Lord** Jesus. That means they will deny the deity of Jesus.

3. **Christ**- Gr. **christos**- *the Anointed One, Messiah*

C. **and brother of James**

1. **brother**- Gr. **adelphos**- *sharing the same womb*

2. **James**- Gr. **iakobos**- *supplanter*

a. Most scholars and church history tell us that this is James, the Lord's brother, the bishop of the church at Jerusalem.

b. This Jude would also be the brother of our Lord. During Jesus ministry both James and Jude did not believe in Him. [John 7:5]

c. Both James and Jude became believers after the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. James and Jude were in the upper room with the 120. [Acts 1:14]

D. **to those who are called**

1. **called**- Gr. **kletos**- *chosen, selected*

E. **sanctified by God the Father**

1. **sanctified**- Gr. **hagiazō**- *to separate from profane things and dedicate to God to purify*

a. A hallmark of a true believer is a desire to be separate from profane things and to be pure. Someone who does not desire to be free from sin is not a born again person. The most miserable person on the planet is a believer living in sin. If someone loves sin and encourages others to sin, like the false teachers in this book, they are unsaved. They are wolves among the sheep.

2. **God**- Gr. **theos**- *Supreme divinity, deity*

a. Usually referring to God the Father.

3. **Father**- Gr. **pater**- *originator, generator*

F. and preserved in Christ Jesus

1. **preserved**- Gr. **tereo**- *to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard, to keep one in the state in which he is, to reserve*

a. God calls **all**. Those who **answer His call and believe** are set apart as His and for Him. Those who are set apart by God are attended to carefully, taken care of, guarded, and kept in the righteous state of being born again. This comes by our faith in the Lord Jesus.

b. Jude is fond of speaking in triads [grouping of threes]. Here we are **called, sanctified, and preserved**.

2. **Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.**

A. **Mercy**- Gr. **eleos**- *kindness or good will towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a desire to help them*

B. **peace**- Gr. **eirene**- *harmony, concord; security, safety, prosperity, felicity*

C. **love**- Gr. **agape**- *the love of God which is free and unconditional*

1. God's love is unconditional on His part, but before His love can impact our lives and bless us it is conditional on believing and receiving His love. John said we have known AND **believed** His love towards us. [1 John 4:16]

2. This is the second triad- **mercy, peace, and love**

3. God's mercy will bring you peace, which will spark love in your heart for God. We love Him, because He first loved us. [1 John 4:19] If your level of love for God is low it is because you have not allowed God to love you.

D. **to you**

1. We must personalize God's mercy, peace, and love for us. It is **TO US!!** It is easy to say God loves everyone, but another to say He **LOVES ME!** Can you say that and mean it in your heart? You need to say it until you believe it.

3. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, 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.

A. Beloved,- Gr. agapetos- *beloved, dear, esteemed, favorite*

1. Knowing we are beloved is the basis for our living whole and holy lives.

2. God loves us but we need allow ourselves to **BE LOVED**. Do you allow yourself to **be loved** by God? Do you hate yourself? If you do you are looking at your flesh, and not at the new creation God made you!

3. We are God's beloved when we allow ourselves to be loved!

B. while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation,

1. **diligent-** Gr. **spoude-** *haste, earnestness, diligence*

2. **write-** Gr. **grapho**

3. **common-** Gr. **koinos-** *shared by a group of individuals*

4. **salvation-** Gr. **soteria-** **Gr. preservation, protection, safety, wholeness**

C. I found it necessary to write to you

1. **necessary-** Gr. **anagke-** *necessity, imposed either by the circumstances, or by law of duty regarding to one's advantage, custom, argument*

a. Jude wanted to bring instruction on the Christian life and living out our salvation, but realized that the message of salvation itself was under severe attack and needed to be defended.

D. exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith

1. **exhorting-** Gr. **parakaleo-** *to call to one side to exhort, comfort, or to impart courage, a call to action!*

a. Christians need to be exhorted, encouraged, and called to action against false teaching that perverts the faith given by Jesus to the apostles, as found in the NT.

2. **contend earnestly- Gr. epagonizomai-** *The simple verb was used of athletes contending in the athletic contests. The word speaks of a vigorous, intense, determined struggle to defeat the opposition. Our word "agony" is the English spelling of the noun form of this word.*

a. The enemy is desperately trying to deceive men and women on who Jesus is and by what means we are saved. The enemy even has tried to convince people that we do not need to be saved from sin or that everyone is already saved.

b. In this letter false teachers were twisting the grace of God into something it is not. The same thing is happening today among some "grace" teachers. We must stand against them and their teaching vigorously, intensely, and with determined opposition. This might even cause us some agony, but we are called to this, especially true ministers of Jesus Christ.

3. **the faith-** *The sum of what Christians believe.*

E. **which was once for all delivered to the saints**

1. **once for all-** Gr. **hapax**

a. This means that the gospel given to the apostles from the Lord Jesus was given **once for all**. There will never be another gospel. Paul said that if any person or even an angel preach another gospel let them **anathema**. [Gal. 1:8-9] Joseph Smith claimed to get an addition to the gospel from an angel. This is anathema! It is interesting that the angel that spoke with Joseph Smith was called Moroni, which means *foolishness*! The faith has once and for all been given to the saints. It will not be amended. Many over the years and up to today are trying to introduce new doctrines for Christians. This verse says that "the faith"- the sum of what Christians believe was once and for all delivered unto the saints.

Anything outside of the Bible taught by so called "teachers" are error and false.

2. **delivered-** Gr. **paradidomi-** *to hand over, to entrust into another's hands*

a. God has entrusted His Word and gospel to His children. Satan through unbelievers and deceived Christians is trying to steal the true gospel out of our hearts and mouths.

b. The enemy is trying to bring heresies into the church. He is using wolves in sheep clothing and deceived Christians who are not grounded in the Word of God. Paul said to the pastors at Miletus that grievous wolves would enter in not sparing the flock, and even out of their own midst would some arise teaching perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves. [Acts 20:29-30]

3. **saints-** Gr. **hagios-** *set apart ones, holy ones*

4. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. For certain men have crept in unnoticed,

1. **certain men-** Gr. **tis anthropos-** *we get anthropology- the study of man from this word*

2. **crept in unnoticed-** Gr. **pareisduno-** *to enter in secretly by the side, to slip in the side door.*

a. Instead of coming in the front door, they come in a side entrance. Jesus said He was the door. [John 10:7] Those who are born again come through the front door of faith in Jesus Christ. [John 10:9] These men came in another way. They are thieves. [John 10:1] These men were never born again. We read later in this letter that these men do not have the Spirit. vs. 19 Paul tells us in Romans that if any man does not have the Spirit, He is none of His [Jesus]. [Romans 8:9]

b. There are many unbelievers that sit right beside believers in churches. There have always been tares among the wheat.

B. who long ago were marked out for this condemnation,

1. **long ago-** Gr. **palai**

2. **marked out-** Gr. **prographe-** **to write beforehand**

a. One old writing we are sure about that spoke of these false teachers is cited in this letter. That is the writing of Enoch. [Jude 1:14]

3. **this condemnation-** Gr. **touto krima-** *this verdict or sentence against them*

a. Judgment of the last day- vs. 6

b. the vengeance of eternal fire- vs. 7

c. blackness of darkness forever- 13

C. ungodly men

1. **ungodly-** Gr. **asebes-** *destitute of reverential fear of God*

a. False doctrine will lead to ungodliness. False doctrine is a perversion of God and His Word, so it leads to a perverse lifestyle.

D. who turn the grace of our God into lewdness

1. **turn-** Gr. **metatithemi-** *to exchange, to trade in exchange; to work a bait and switch*

2. **grace-** Gr. **charis-** *unmerited favor and the ability and resource of God to meet man's every need*

3. **lewdness-** Gr. **aselgeia-** *unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence*

a. These false teachers pulled a bait and switch. They stole away the true grace of God and replaced it with lewdness. That is happening today folks. What is alarming is that a good number of people are totally unaware of it. This means that many did not truly understand what grace is. Paul and Peter talked about the "**grace in truth**", or what is truly grace. [Col. 1:6, 1 Peter 5:12] This means there can be a false grace. There are some "grace" teachers that have been peddling a false grace to the body of Christ.

- b. True grace is the empowerment and ability of God in order to live a God honoring life.
- c. There is cross grace in which all our sins and guilt are removed from us, but there is resurrection grace in which the life and nature of God is deposited within us to bear the fruit of God. [Gal. 5:22-23] If only cross grace is preached it will lead to an unbalanced life and eventually error.

E. and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ

1. **deny- Gr. arneomai-** *to deny, abnegate, not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered*

- a. Salvation is a gift and therefore must be received or rejected. Here we see that it is possible to deny Christ. Universalists would tell you that everyone is redeemed, reconciled, and saved automatically without faith. This is a grievous error. Any teaching that takes away the free will of man or the need for man to choose is an error.
- b. Now let's talk about who these false teachers were and what they believed. They were antinomian gnostics. The word antinomian means "against law". These teachers were against any law that would govern their lives. Jesus was not against the Law. He came to fulfill the Law. We believers are not to be against the Law, but fulfill the requirements of the Law by living in and by the Spirit. [Rom. 8:4] We are free from the Law of Moses, but we are not free from all law. We now are under the **law of love** [James 2:8], the **law of faith** [Rom. 3:27], and the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus!** [Rom. 8:2]
- c. These false teachers were also gnostics. Gnostics taught that all physical matter was evil. They also taught that the true God was pure good spirit and could not have made the evil world of matter that we see. They taught that emanations from the one God come forth that with each one became less good. They taught that eventually an evil emanation come forth that created the world. They said that this being was the Yahweh of

the Old Testament, who smote people and sent disasters on the earth. Gnostics taught that the way to escape the evil physical world was to gain special knowledge from the span of spirits or emanations from God. The span of spirits was called the pleroma- or *the fulness of God*. The gnostics taught that Jesus was one of these emanations from the true God, but was not the one true God. They believed Jesus was less than the original true God. They did say that He came to give secret knowledge of the true God to select people. These taught that Jesus did not really come in a physical body. They said He just appeared to have a body. They taught that what you did with your body made no difference at all. They said that the spirit was totally separate from the body and they had nothing in common. They taught that all men had a divine spark within them and they could connect with the true God again by secret knowledge. They taught that the cross of Christ and the resurrection were merely symbolic. They taught that the true God did not care about the evil world and that if you really advanced in knowledge you could do what others called gross sin and you could revel in the fact that you were free from any guilt or consequence and were "liberated and free" by your knowledge.

d. Besides being antinomian and gnostics they also were universalists. They taught that all men were sparks of the divine and just did not know it. They taught against a literal hell. They taught you did not have to believe upon Christ as your Savior from sin. They taught you just needed secret knowledge about your true origin and nature to be "free".

e. John dealt with these false teachers in [1 John](#).

2. **only Lord God**

a. They denied the **ONLY** Lord God. These false teachers taught there was a whole span of gods. They did not teach there was only one God.

3. Lord Jesus Christ

a. They denied the **LORD** Jesus Christ. They denied He was the true God.

F. Now Jude is going to give five examples from the OT that drew God's judgment. He is going to bring these examples out because the false teachers are guilty of doing all five. Giving these examples of Divine judgment hopefully would wake up the believers who were giving heed to the false teachers!

5. But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

A. But I want to remind you,

1. **remind-** Gr. **hupomimnesko-** *under remembering*

a. We need to continue daily in the Word of God because we tend to forget the things of God and what manner of man that we are in the Spirit. [[James 1:22-24](#)]

b. Paul said that he did not mind repeating himself over and over again because it was a safeguard. [[Phil. 3:1](#)]

c. Peter told his listeners that he would not be negligent to put the people in remembrance, even though the people had known what he was saying. [[2 Pet. 1:12](#)]

d. You have to repeat yourself over and over to children. This is a healthy and needed part of discipleship.

B. though you once knew this,

1. **once knew this**

a. **knew-** **eido-** *to know by intuition*

C. that the Lord,

1. **Lord-** Gr. **kurios-** *Christ delivered the people out of Egypt*

D. having saved the people out of the land of Egypt,

1. **saved-** Gr. **sozo-** *to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health*

2. **the people-** Gr. **laos-** *the people of God*

E. afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

1. **destroyed**- Gr. **apollumi**- *to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin; to declare that one must be put to death; to perish, to be lost*
2. **did not believe**- Gr. **pisteuo me- pisteuo**- *to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in. me negates all of this.*
3. This first example shows that God's judgment is upon those who do not believe the Lord. The false teachers Jude spoke of were unbelievers and thus would incur judgment.

6. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

A. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain

1. **the angels**- Gr. **angelos**- *messengers*
 - a. These are the fallen angels that Satan led into rebellion.
2. **did not keep**- Gr. **tereo me**- *take care of, guard, attend to*
3. **proper domain**- Gr. **arche**- *the first place, principality, rule, magistracy, beginning*
 - a. The fallen angels did not keep their original beginning position and they left it. These angels left heaven and came and cohabitated with women. [Gen. 6:1-2] Jesus said the angels **in heaven** do not marry. However, the fallen angels left their heavenly domain and cohabitated with women of a lower position than they.

B. but left their own abode

1. **left** - Gr. **apoleipo**- *to leave off*
2. **own abode**- Gr. **idios oiketerion**- *own dwelling place*

C. He has reserved in everlasting chains

1. **reserved**- Gr. **tereo**- *to take care of, guard, attend to*
 - a. The fallen angels did not take care of, guard, or attend to their given position by God. Therefore, once they made their decision to rebel against God then God is now taking care of, guarding, and attending to their resulting and present position which is in everlasting chains unto judgment of the great day.

b. Unsaved humans that have died are not seen as in chains. The fallen angels are kept in chains. [2 Pet. 2:4]
c. The fallen angels are in prison. Unsaved humans are in hell. When Jesus preached to the spirits in prison, He preached to the fallen angels. [1 Pet. 3:19] There is two words for preach. The first is **euaggliizo**, which means to *preach the gospel*. The other word is **kerusso**, which means to *herald a message*. The latter word is used of Jesus preaching to the spirits in prison. Before Jesus rose again he proclaimed a message of final doom to these fallen angels. He did not preach the gospel to dead people to give them a second chance at getting saved. We must believe and accept the Lord while we live. After we die we either go to heaven or hell.

2. **everlasting chains-** Gr. **aidios desmon-** *eternal bonds*

D. under darkness for the judgment of the great day

1. **under-** Gr. **hupo-** *under the control of*

2. **darkness-** Gr. *gloom (as shrouding like a cloud): - blackness, darkness, mist*

3. **judgment-** Gr. **krisis-** **sentence of condemnation**

a. The eternal sentence for the fallen angels is the eternal lake of fire. This lake was prepared for the devil and fallen angels. [Matt. 25:41] God never prepared it for man. However, when Satan deceived Adam and Eve, they became subject under Satan. Unbelievers will share the same fate with Satan and the angels forever in the lake of fire, because they belong to Satan.

b. **This is Rickology, not in the Bible-** I personally believe after Satan led a third of the angels to rebel against God and when that failed, God asked Satan what the judgment should be for the fallen angels that followed him. In his diabolical heart he said, "Prepare a lake of fire for them to be thrown into". Then God said, "Then that will be your fate as well!" I believe the lake of fire was Satan's idea, not God's. **Again, that is not found in the Bible, so that is Rickology, so take it for that...**

4. **great day-** Gr. **megas hemera-** *mega day!*

a. The day of judgment for these angels will be a mega day! However it will not be good mega for them. It will be mega bad!

5. What the fallen angels did will now be compared to what people in Sodom and Gomorrah did. They went after strange flesh-homosexuality. Both went in and had sexual relations with those they were not ordained by God to have relations with. Likewise, the false teachers in this book, taught the people to have sexual relations outside of God's ordained parameters. They taught it was fine to commit homosexuality, immorality, and perversion. They said it proved they were free from the constraints of natural rules concerning conduct of your human body. God's judgment has always fallen upon these practices. Jude reminds the true believers of these things so they would shrink back in horror from this erroneous teaching.

7. as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

A. as Sodom and Gomorrah,

1. **Sodom**- *means burning*

2. **Gomorrah**- *means submersion*

a. This city is believed to be submerged under the Dead Sea.

B. and the cities around them in similar manner to these,

1. **cities**- Gr. **polis**

a. There were other smaller cities around Sodom and Gomorrah that were destroyed with them. They were called Admah- means *earthly* and Zeboiim- means *goats*; The inhabitants were unbelievers- earthly and goats.

2. **similar manner to these**- Gr. **homoios toutois tropos**

a. **Similar manner to these**- the word **these** either refers to either the angels or cities. Greek grammar demands that the gender match up. The word **“these”** is masculine. The word **“cities”** is feminine and the

“angels” is masculine. Greek grammar tells us that the word “these” refer to the angels.

C. having given themselves over to sexual immorality

1. **given themselves over to sexual immorality-** Gr. **ekporneuo-** *to give one self wholly over to sexual sin.*

D. and gone after strange flesh

1. **gone after-** Gr. **aperchomai opiso-** *to go behind*
2. **strange flesh-** Gr. *heteros sarx*

E. are set forth as an example

1. **set forth-** Gr. **prokeimi**
2. **example-** Gr. **deigma-** *a specimen for study*
 - a. This was a case study for others to learn from later. A quick look around at our society today tells us that we have not learned the lesson.

F. suffering the vengeance of eternal flame

1. **suffering-** Gr. **hupecho-** *to undergo*
2. **vengeance-** Gr. **dike-** *justice*
3. **eternal flame-** Gr. **aionios pur**
 - a. There are teachers today that say there is no hell. There is an eternal flame folks! Do not be deceived. None of us likes the idea of an eternal hell, but it is imminently scriptural. Jesus is the one who spoke most on hell.

8. Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

A. Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh,

1. **Likewise-** Jude has just given another triad. He used a triad of examples of what brings God's judgment. **The unbelief of the Israelites, the rebellion of the angels, and the perversion of Sodom and Gomorrah.** Unbelief is the beginning of these evils. Unbelief leads to rebellion and rebellion leads to perversion.
2. **dreamers-** Gr. **enupniazomai-** *to dream (spiritually suggested) dreams; metaphorically, to be beguiled with sensual images and carried away to an impious course of conduct*

- a. The gnostics were big on spiritual encounters with spirit beings.
- b. A **dreamer** is a term for one who speaks prophetically. Joseph was called a dreamer for his prophetic dreams. The prophets would often receive prophecies in dreams.
- c. These men proclaimed themselves Prophets of the true God. They were mouth pieces for Satan.

3. **defile**- Gr. **miaino**- *to dye with another color, to stain to defile, pollute, sully, contaminate, soil, to defile with sins*

- a. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. [1 Cor. 6:19] Our bodies are members of Christ. [1 Cor. 6:15] It does matter what we do in our bodies. The gnostics taught that the spirit world had no interaction with the natural and the real God could care less what happened in the natural physical world since He did not create it. God created both the heavens and the earth. [Gen. 1:1] Both of these interact and they both matter to God. Our **BODIES** are the temple of the Living God!

4. A perversion of grace is that God has forgiven every sin, so there is no such thing as sin any more. Teachers of this will giddily say, "God removed all sin, so it is not possible to sin anymore!" This is false. A look through the NT and the epistles we see over and over again the word sin and exhortation not to sin. [1 John 2:1]

B. **reject authority,**

1. **reject**- Gr. **atheteo**- *to do away with, to set aside, disregard, to thwart the efficacy of anything, nullify, make void, frustrate to reject, to refuse, to slight*

2. **authority**- Gr. **kuriotes**- *lordship, rulership, government*

- a. Gnosticism is much like the modern new age. It taught that we all are divine in our spirit. They taught we are our own lord.
- b. Since they rejected all authority, then they were also antinomian- against law. They did not observe or care for any law both spiritual and natural. They surely obeyed enough civil law to stay out of prison however.

C. and speak evil of dignitaries

1. **speak evil of-** Gr. **blaspheo-** *to blaspheme, to speak reproachfully, rail at, revile, calumniate*

2. **dignitaries-** Gr. **doxai-** *glories*

a. These gnostics contacted spirits to obtain their secrets, however, they refused any authority that they had over them. They saw themselves as glorious spirits equal to or greater than them. They were not really contacting angels but demons.

9. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

A. Yet Michael the archangel

1. **Michael-** *means who is like our God*

a. Michael is the chief of the angels. He is referred to in Daniel as the Prince over the nation of Israel.

2. **archangel-** Gr. **archaggelos-** *chief or ruling angel*

B. in contending with the devil,

1. **contending-** Gr. **diakrino-** *to strive in opposition*

2. **devil-** Gr. **diabolos-** *to throw accusations or lies to divide*

C. when he disputed about the body of Moses

1. **disputed-** Gr. **dialegomai-** *to dialogue, argue*

2. **Moses-** Tradition says Satan demanded the body of Moses because it was made of the cursed ground and that Moses had committed murder. No doubt Satan wanted to enshrine the place of Moses' death so he would be worshipped.

D. dared not bring against him a reviling accusation

1. **dared not-** Gr. **tolmao-** *bold, daring*

2. **reviling accusation-** Gr. **blasphemia krisis-** *railing judgment*

a. These false teachers may have been assigning evil to the span of angels that they said emanated from God. The Jewish gnostics taught that the span of spirits called the pleroma, or fulness of the Godhead, were actually angels. They taught that each emanation from the true God was less good, they might have been teaching that the angels were evil or had evil in them.

b. Obviously the spirits these false teachers were in contact with were evil. They were demons!

E. but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

1. **rebuke**- Gr. **epitomao**- *censure sharply*

a. Michael did not have authority over Satan in the OT. When Jesus died and rose again Satan was stripped and cast out of heaven. He no longer has authority in heaven. We have been seated with Christ in heavenly places. Satan is under our feet. We do not need to dialogue or argue with Satan. We can say the Lord HAS rebuked you. I resist you in Jesus name. Go!! He will flee! [James 4:7]

10. But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

A. But these speak evil of whatever they do not know

1. **speak evil**- Gr. **blasphemeo**- *speaking reproachfully, to rail at*

2. **do not know**- Gr. **eido**- *to perceive or see; to know intuitively*

a. The spiritual beings that these false teachers were blaspheming were beyond their reach of vision and perception.

b. The Spirit realm can only be understood by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Both of these were spurned by these false teachers. Today, many teachers have rejected the Word of God and have given themselves over to doctrines of demons, in the name of "Spirit revelations."

B. and whatever they know naturally,

1. **know**- Gr. **epistamai**- *to be acquainted with, to understand*

2. **naturally**- Gr. **phusikos**- *according to the natural realm*

a. These men are not born again. They did not possess the Holy Spirit. They were only limited to contact with the natural or with demons.

C. like brute beasts

1. **brute beasts**- Gr. **alogos zoon**- *unreasoning animals*

a. Animals cannot reason nor have a moral conscience.

b. They follow their base instincts and cravings of their flesh.

D. in these things they corrupt themselves

1. **corrupt**- Gr. **phtheiro**- *to corrupt or destroy*

a. [**2 Pet. 1:4**]- corruption comes by lust. These teachers were corrupted by their own natural lusts.

11. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

A. Woe to them!

1. **Woe**- Gr. **ouai**- *alas!*

2. **them**- Jude now uses another triad to describe these false teachers. He uses the examples of **Cain, Balaam, and Korah**

B. For they have gone in the way of Cain,

1. **way**- Gr. **hodos**- *path or road*

2. **Cain**- *means to acquire*

a. Cain is a type of religion. Religion is a system that instills lack and focuses on lack. Satan introduced religion to Eve in the garden. He asked Eve, "Can you not eat of all of the trees of the garden?" He was instilling lack or a sense of lack in Eve. When lack is instilled then there is a desire *to acquire*. Instead of freely receiving God's grace, the flesh tries to acquire in its own efforts.

b. The "**way of Cain**" is self-justification. Cain rejected God's way of approaching Him, which was by faith and with a blood sacrifice. Cain took his own way to God. He brought the fruits of his own labor. God rejected the offering and Cain. The basis of God accepting us or rejecting us is determined if he accepts or rejects the sacrifice we approach him by. If we bring the sacrifice of our own works to God it will be rejected along with us. If we come on the basis of the sacrifice of Christ for us, then the sacrifice is accepted and so are we.

c. These false teachers rejected the way of salvation, which was faith in God's grace given in the finished work of Christ. You can reject God's way of salvation by either

denying God's grace or man's need for faith. If you spurn grace and try to earn salvation yourself you have rejected God's way of salvation. Equally, if you say that everyone is saved by grace and there is no need to have faith in Christ to be saved, then you also have rejected God's way of salvation. God's way of salvation is by grace THROUGH faith. [Eph. 2:8-9] All religions lead to God [to stand before Him in Judgment], but only one way will lead to eternal salvation- faith in God's grace through the finished work of Jesus Christ. Abel approached God with the fat of the firstlings of the flock. To get the fat the animal had to be killed and the blood shed. [Hebrews 11:4] says Abel offered up a more excellent sacrifice than Cain **BY FAITH**.

C. have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit,

1. **run greedily**- Gr. **ekcheo**- *to pour forth, gush out after a restraining influence is lifted*
2. **error**- Gr. **plane**- *wandering off; we get the English word planet from this. Early astronomers thought the planets were wandering stars because they did not stay in fixed positions.*
 - a. Note this well: When you reject the totality of the Scriptures as the Word of God, then you will begin to wander into error. This will lead to financial misappropriation and moral sin. It will end with the corruption of other people.
3. **Balaam**- *means not of the people*
 - a. Balaam was a true prophet of God, but he was "**not of the people**". He did not join himself with the people of God, and he was not out to bless or take care of the people of God. He was out for himself and what He could get. Balaam accepted payment to curse Israel. When he could not curse the people, the monetary offering promised to him was rescinded. Not wanting that to happen, Balaam advised Balak to get the Israelites to join in their parties and commit fornication with their women. Beware of people today that come from outside the church sounding very spiritual and with

strange but exciting doctrines. They are not *of the people*.

b. These false teachers in Jude's day, and still exist today, were out for financial gain. In order to get it they secretly introduced sexual immorality in order to get it. They slipped into bedrooms and got what they wanted. These false teachers will also perform spiritual services that should be free for large sums of money. There are some today that charge people for healings or prophetic words. Psychics charge for their services, a true man or woman of God freely gives of the Word and Spirit. It is ok to receive offerings, but not to charge to minister the Word and the gifts of the Spirit. Simon the sorcerer in Acts wanted to pay for the ability to administer the Spirit, and Peter rebuked him saying, "Your money perish with you". [Acts 8:18-20]

4. **profit**- Gr. **misthos**- *wages*

D. and perished in the rebellion of Korah

1. **perished**- Gr. **apollumi**- *destroyed*

2. **rebellion**- Gr. **antilogia**- from **anti**- *against*; **logos**- *word, gainsaying, speaking against, anti-word*

a. This word means **anti-word**. There are false teachers rising today in our midst that are **anti-word**. They are so because the Word stands in opposition to what they are teaching or wanting to believe. They say they are beyond the Word and are now in the "Spirit of the Word". Ones like this are always rebellious, while they style themselves "free". They claim to be open minded. They are only open minded to error but quite antagonistic to the truth.

3. **Korah**- *means baldness*

a. Hair speaks of covering and being under authority. [1 Cor. 11:15] Korah means *baldness*. Under the law no one that was bald was allowed to approach the holy things of God. Korah did not recognize Moses' leadership. In doing so, He did not recognize God's leadership. God placed Moses into leadership. When

Korah rejected that leadership, he rejected God's. Korah was bald spiritually. When we reject the authority of leaders God has placed over us, we reject God's authority and are bald spiritually speaking. [Rom. 13:1-2]

b. False teachers today are rejecting the authority of the Scriptures. They are really rebelling against the authority of God who gave the Scriptures. They are like Korah who was bald. They set themselves up as final authority and teach what they want to teach.

c. Korah experienced destruction. The end of these false teachers Jude speaks of will be destruction. The past tense is used here to show that they are judged while the lived. [John 3:36, 1 Tim 5:6]

12. These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

A. These are spots in your love feasts,

1. **spots-** Gr. **spilas-** *hidden rocks just under the water, hidden reefs that would sink ships*

a. These false teachers advocated grace without faith or responsibility. They promised smooth sailing in life without the use of any sails or effort to give direction to the ship. The sail to our ship is faith. The effort we put in on the direction is prayer. Without faith from the Word of God and direction from God in prayer, then our faith will be ship-wrecked. Their teaching only produced ship-wrecked lives!

2. **love feasts-** Gr. **agape-** The early church services had a shared meal connected to it. It was called "The Agape" It culminated in sharing the Lord's Table.

B. while they feast with you without fear,

1. **feast-** Gr. **suneuocheo-** *to have a good time together*

a. When we as Christian brothers and sisters are having a good time together our spiritual guard can be down.

The false teachers would sneak in and join in on the fun and then spread their poison deceitfully.

2. **without fear**- Gr. **aphobos**- *without reverence for God or things of God*

C. serving only themselves.

1. **serving themselves**- Gr. **poimaino**- *to feed in a pasture; to partake of like a sheep*

a. These false teachers come in as wolves in sheep's clothing. They were also goats. They fed right along with God's sheep. They always have a but that comes with them. They say they agree with the pastor's teaching **BUT...** They agree with the direction of the church **BUT...** The Bible is true **BUT...**

b. These teachers were only out for themselves and what they could get for themselves. The same goes today. Watch out for selfish people who do all the talking and show no real interest in your life. This self seeking can also show up in strangers who ask really personal questions. They want to find your vulnerabilities and capitalize on them. They are showing interest for their personal motives.

D. They are clouds without water

1. **clouds**- Gr. **nephele**

2. **without water**- Gr. **anudros**

a. They make great swelling promises but never deliver. [**Prov. 25:14**]

b. Their teachings seem so dainty and delicious, but end up being empty and unproductive. Any teaching that can't be lived out in the test tube of human experience is vain.

c. Sound doctrine falls as rain upon the earth and brings forth fruit. [**Is. 55:10-11**]

E. carried about by winds;

1. **carried**- Gr. **periphero**- *to be carried around in circles*

a. These false teachers will make their rounds to find weak minded saints or those with a streak of rebellion.

b. False teaching finds its way around the body of Christ like the spinning of a Ferris wheel. You will see certain doctrines come slowly back around again in cycles but with different names. One of these today is Universalism. This false teaching has been cycling through Christianity since the early church.

2. **winds**- Gr. **anemos**- *a violent agitation and stream of air; a very strong tempestuous wind*

a. There are "winds of doctrines" that blow through the body of Christ. [**Eph. 4:14**] Christians that are not submitted in a church to a pastor and are regularly assimilating sound doctrine into their hearts and lives will be blown around by these strong winds.

b. These are strong winds. They sound so right. They seem to make sense. So many other people are on board with it. It is a strong wind that is easy to go with, if you do not know or stand for the truth!

F. **late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead**

1. **late autumn**- Gr. **phthinoporinos**- *autumn trees such as they are at the close of autumn, dry, leafless and without fruit*

a. You will know true ministers of God with a true message of God. They will bear the fruit of the Spirit and the fruit of wisdom. [**Gal. 5:22-23; James 3:17**] These false teachers lacked in every one of these, but they sure did sound good! They could really get the crowd to oooh and aaawwh! Come on folks, we need to grow up and be Word testers and Fruit inspectors!!

2. **twice dead**- Gr. **dis apothensko**

a. In the winter trees look dead. Some trees in winter are actually dead. They are twice dead! These false teachers had no fruit as a tree in winter, but the real fact is that they are spiritually dead. They are unbelievers.

G. **pulled up by the roots**

1. **pulled up by the roots**- Gr. **ekrizoo**- *to uproot*

a. There are trees in winter that are actually dead, but it is another thing to totally tear them out of the ground. It

does not take too much discernment to realize this kind of tree is a goner and will produce nothing for you!!
b. Why can't we have this much discernment about false teachers who reject the Word of God and authority. They do not have the fruit of the Spirit nor Wisdom. They are as obvious as an uprooted dead tree in winter. There is nothing good coming from them! However, they are only obvious to those who have their heart submitted to God and are grounded in the Word of God- all of the Word of God!

13. raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

A. raging waves of the sea,

1. raging waves- Gr. **agrios kuma-** *angry waves*

a. Most false teachers are angry. They have axes to grind and angrily mock or twist the truths of the Word of God.

2. sea- Gr. **thalassa**

B. foaming up their own shame;

1. foaming up- Gr. **epaphrizo**

a. [Isa. 57:20] - All these false teacher leave behind is the foam of their shame. All of their fine sounding and intricate teaching is nothing but foam. They have great swelling words of vanity but they just leave dirty foam.

[2 Pet. 2:18]

2. shame- Gr. **aischune-** *From the Greek goddess Aischune. She was beautiful but was cursed in that when she looked at her reflection in a mirror she appeared hideous.*

a. One of the roots and fruits of false teaching is shame.

C. wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever

1. wandering stars- Gr. **planetes aster-** *planet stars.* Early astronomers thought that the planets were stars that wandered through the sky. They did not keep a regular or disciplined position.

a. The book of Enoch referred to the rebellious angels as wandering stars.

b. False teachers do not stick around anywhere for very long. Before you put a charismatic newcomer to your congregation into leadership check up on their history and references. If they can't give you any or if they are all dead ends, avoid putting them in any leadership. Usually when you ask about their history or references they will get angry, and play the "you don't trust me brother?" or "where is your love and trust brother?" cards.

2. **reserved**- Gr. **tereo**- *to keep or guard*

3. **blackness of darkness**- Gr. **zophos skotos**

4. **forever**- No matter what Universalists say today, there is an eternal punishment for unbelievers.

14. Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

A. Now Enoch,

1. **Enoch**- *means dedicated and disciplined*

a. The meaning of the name Enoch is opposite to these false teachers, which were rebellious and undisciplined.

b. We need more Enoch's in the day we live. Enoch walked with God. Did you know it takes dedication and discipline to walk with God? It takes dedication and discipline to walk in with God. [Amos 3:3] says how can two walk together unless they be agreed? How do we come into agreement with God? It is spending daily time in His Word and in prayer. These are disciplines.

B. the seventh from Adam

1. Adam- *means earthy, red*

C. prophesied about these men also,

1. **prophesied**- Gr. **propheteuo**- *to fore tell*

a. We see the great patience of God in that Enoch way back then prophesied about false teachers that are now among us in the church.

D. saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints

1. **saints**- Gr. **hagios**- *holy ones*

a. This can either refer to believers or angels. There is scriptural support for both being with the Lord when He appears at His Second Advent. [**Matt. 25:31, 1 Thess. 4:14**]

15. to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

A. to execute judgment on all

1. **execute judgment**- Gr. **poieo krisis**- *do or make judgment*
2. **all**- God judgment includes **EVERYONE**. Either you will be judged at the cross with Jesus, or stand judgment in and by yourself. We all also will have our works judged. Each person is judged personally and their works get judged. If we believe in Jesus, we are personally judged in Christ on the cross. If not, then judgment will take place at the Great White Throne Judgment after the Millennium. Believer's works will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ. The unbeliever's works will be judged at the Great White Throne.
 - a. The false teachers taught there would be no judgment at all for them personally or their works.
 - b. The word **all** is used three times in this verse. It is emphasized for a purpose. No one gets out of the process of evaluation from the Lord. The quality of our lives will be judged by the Lord.

B. to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way,

1. **convict**- Gr. **exelegcho**- *to prove to be in the wrong, convict*
 - a. The false teachers had rejected the Word of God. It says that all scripture is profitable. [**2 Tim. 3:16**] One of the things it is profitable for is **reproof**. It is the same Greek word we see here translated **conviction**. When we reject the Word of God we will be left without conviction or reproof.
 - b. We believers need to stay in the Word in order for the work of the Holy Spirit to correct us properly. There is a

work of conviction that the Word and Spirit does to lead us to righteous living. The Word and Spirit will not convict us of being sinners, but of our actions not lining up with our righteous nature in Christ.

2. **all**- All who live sinful will be proven to be in the wrong. We can allow the Lord to show us where our performance is wrong by spending time in the Word of God daily. If we do not acknowledge where we are wrong, we cannot get it right!

3. **ungodly**- Gr. **asebia**- *irreverent*

a. We need more reverence for God in the generation we live in. Often times we are too informal with God and lose the reverential awe we need to have of God.

b. The word ungodly occurs four times in this verse! False teachers who reject the authority of the Word of God are characterized by being ungodly- irreverent of God.

4. **committed**- Gr. **asebeo**- *to act irreverently*

C. and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

1. **harsh things**- Gr. **skleros**- *hard, harsh, rough, stiff*

a. When we speak things contrary to the Word of God, He sees and hears our words as hard, harsh, rough, and stiff against Him.

2. **sinners**- **harmartolos**- *one who misses the mark*

3. **spoken against**- Gr. **laleo kata**

16. These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage.

A. These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts;

1. **grumblers**- Gr. **goggustes**- *one who discontentedly complains against God.*

2. **complainers**- Gr. **mempsimoiros**- *complaining of one's lot, querulous, discontented*

3. **walking**- Gr. *poreuomaito*- *pursue the journey on which one has entered, to continue on one's journey; to follow one, that is: become his adherent*

a. These false teachers have followed the flesh closely and became its disciples.

4. **lusts**- Gr. **epithumia**- *strong desires and passions*

a. The most dangerous person is a person who proclaims himself very spiritual, but instead are fleshly. They are deceived and will try to deceive others.

B. and they mouth great swelling words,

1. **mouth**- Gr. **stoma**

2. **swelling words**- Gr. *huperogkos*- *over swollen- metaphorically immoderate, extravagant*

C. flattering people to gain advantage

1. **flattering**- Gr. **prosopon thaumazo**- *to admire or be in awe of the face[or person]*

a. As a leader you must beware those who come up to you in awe and say how wonderful you are and how blown away they are of you. Many times they are not genuine. If they are genuine they are very immature and given to emotion. These can and often will turn on you quickly. The ones that are the most exuberant of you often leave the fastest.

2. **gain advantage**- Gr. **charin opheleia**- *in favor of or for the purpose of advantage or profit*

a. Flattery is always for the purpose of getting something from you. Being complimentary is for the purpose of putting something in you. Usually over the top praise is flattery.

b. Our flesh loves compliments or flattery. It does not care if it is sincere or not. It just likes praise. We must guard our heart against the praise and flattery of men. Our praise comes from God and is based upon our faithfulness to do what He told us to do, not on the effect it has on men and women.

17. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

A. But you, beloved- Gr. **agapetos**

1. When you see a word describing a Christian such as **beloved**, take that personally. Relish it in your heart. Dare to confess and believe it. It is the soil and strength of your life! You need to **BE LOVED**.

B. remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ

1. remember

- a. One of the chief advantages of daily study of the Word of God is being put in remembrance. We all allow truth to slip if we are not current in the Word of God.

2. words- Gr. **rhema-** *that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word*

- a. This is New Testament revelation. The false teachers had put away or shunned the Word of God. What will keep us from being deceived is to always be put in remembrance to NT revelation by our daily time in the Word of God.

- b. We need to remember all the rhema words we have heard from the Holy Spirit and live by them.

3. apostles- Gr. **apostolos-** *sent ones with a message and authority*

- a. The church was built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Foundation apostles are those used to write the New Testament. [**Eph. 2:20**]

18. how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

A. mockers- Gr. **empaiktes-** *scoffer*

1. Peter and Jude spoke of the same category of false teachers. Peter said there would be mockers arise that would refute the return of the Lord. These gnostic antinomians taught that God did not have any contact with the evil fallen world. They said that God would not come to bring change or lift a curse off the earth. The false teachers taught that matter was eternal and

evil. Scripture teaches that the curse on the earth will be lifted at the coming of the Lord. [**Rom. 8:20-21**]

B. last time- Gr. **eschatos chronos**

1. We have been in the last times since the beginning of the church age. [**Acts 2:17**]

C. ungodly- Gr. **asebeia- *irreverent***

D. lusts- Gr. **epithumia**

1. The lusts of the flesh ultimately come from and lead to irreverence for God.

2. We are freed from these irreverent lusts by partaking of the divine nature by the precious promises of the Word of God. [**2 Peter 1:4**]

19. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

A. sensual persons- Gr. **psuchikos- *soulish- governed by emotions and self will***

B. cause divisions- Gr. **apodiorizo- *to disjoin, part, separate from another***

1. Church splits are caused by soulish and fleshly Christians. You cannot be spiritual and cause a church split!

C. not having the Spirit

1. These false teachers do not have the Spirit. [**Romans 8:9**] states that you do not belong to Christ if you do not His Spirit. These were unbelievers.

20. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

A. but you, beloved

1. **but you, beloved- *you beloved believers.* The false teachers did not have the Spirit, but all Christians do have the Spirit. We should also be baptized in the Spirit and pray in tongues.**

2. This is the third time Jude calls Christians beloved. This is one of the most important revelations we can ever receive as a child of God.

B. building up yourselves

1. **build up-** Gr. **epoikodomeo- *to build up an edifice***

a. By praying in the Spirit and renewing your mind with God's Word we can be lifted out of control of the flesh and soul and be spiritual.

C. most holy faith

1. most holy- Gr. **hagiotate**

a. In the Old Testament temple the most holy place contained the Ark of the Covenant. This Ark represents Christ and His finished work. As holy as Christ and His finished work is to God, so is our faith. Both are seen as "most holy". To take away from the necessity of the finished work of Christ, or for our faith then we desecrate the most holy things of God!

2. faith- Gr. **pistis-** *firm reliance upon or conviction; firm persuasion based upon what is heard*

D. praying- Gr. **proseuchomai**

E. in the Holy Spirit

1. This is praying in tongues and by the unction of the Holy Spirit - [**1 Cor. 14:14-15, Eph. 6:18**]

2. By continuing in the Word of God and praying in the Holy Spirit we will be kept from the deception of false teaching.

21. keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

A. Keep yourselves in the love of God,

1. Keep yourselves- Gr. **tereo-** *pres. tense- keeping, guarding*

a. It is up to us to keep ourselves in the love of God. We do that by renewing our mind with the Word and praying in the Spirit.

b. Keeping ourselves in the love of God means we keep His commandments, which is to believe upon Christ and to love one another. [**1 John 3:21-22, John 15:10**]

c. The false teachers did not have God's Spirit so they did not have His love in them, which is shed abroad in the heart only by the Holy Spirit. [**Rom. 5:5**]

2. love of God- The love of God is a true test of sound doctrine. False teaching always is void of the love for God and for others. It always springs from and leads to selfishness.

B. looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1. **looking-** Gr. **prosdechomai-** *pres. tense- to be welcoming and accepting to yourselves; to expect the fulfillment of promises*

a. We are to keep ourselves and at the same time be expecting the mercy of Jesus. We all need mercy for our failings. When we feel we need no mercy, then we are on most dangerous ground. When we realize our need for and expect the mercy of God then we are operating on our most holy faith.

2. **mercy-** Gr. **eleos**

a. The mercy spoken of here is the return of Christ, which the false teachers denied.

3. **unto eternal life**

a. At the return of Christ our salvation will be complete- spirit, soul, and body. The false teacher denied the resurrection or that our bodies would be saved. That is why they taught it did not matter what you did in and with your body.

22. And on some have compassion, making a distinction;

A. And on some have compassion

1. **compassion-** Gr. **eleeo-** *to have mercy upon*

a. The ones you have mercy on are those who realize their need for mercy! Those who do not acknowledge their sins or need for mercy need a more firm and direct approach to wake them out of delusion.

B. making a distinction

1. **distinction-** Gr. **diakrino-** *to separate, make a distinction, discriminate, give judgment, to make a distinction.*

a. We need to make a distinction with people we are ministering to. Those who do not see or acknowledge their sin and need for mercy we must minister differently to than those who do.

23. **but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.**

A. but other save with fear

1. **save-** Gr. **sozo-** *to deliver*

2. **with fear-** Gr. **en phobos-** *in fear*

a. Some grace teachers today, who are really universalists, teach that everyone is already saved, and hell no longer exists. I guess poor ol' Jude did not get the memo on that!

b. People still need saving and delivering from the fire today. There is a hell to be shunned and a heaven to be gained. Our commission is still to go into the entire world and preach the gospel. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved, and those who do not are damned. [**Mark 16:16**]

B. pulling them out of the fire,

1. **pulling them out-** Gr. **harpazo-** *to seize, carry off by force to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly to snatch out or away*

a. This is a forceful word! It is the Greek word used for Christians being caught up to meet the Lord in the air. [**1 Thess. 4:17**]

b. Humanity is being drawn towards the flames of hell. We are to snatch them up and out of it!

2. **fire-** Gr. **pur**

a. This is the fire of hell. False teachers will say that by the finished work of Christ that hell has been abolished. It is very interesting that the person who spoke about hell most by far is Jesus! He spoke of hell has a place of eternal flames and fire.

C. hating even the garment defiled by the flesh

1. **hating-** Gr. **miseo-** *detest*

a. If we say we love God but do not hate sin, then we are deceived.

2. **garment-** Gr. **chiton-** *tunic*

a. This is an illusion to the Old Testament levitical laws in which you were to burn the clothes of a leper. [**Lev. 13:47-52**]

b. clothing in the NT speaks of a persons actions. In saving those in sin, we must make sure we hate the sin but love the sinner. Sometimes in trying to save a sinner, an ignorant Christian will try to dabble in their activity to relate to them. This is a serious error. Instead of you rubbing off on them, their sin will rub off on you.

3. **defiled**- Gr. **spiloo**- *to be spotted and defiled*

4. **the flesh**- Gr. **Sarx**

24. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

A. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

1. **keep**- Gr. **phulasso**- *to guard to keep from being snatched away, preserve safe and unimpaired; guard as with a garrison of soldiers.*

a. God will guard us from stumbling contingent upon us keeping ourselves in the love of God by renewing our mind to the Word and prayer.

2. **stumbling**- Gr. **aptaistos**- *not stumbling, standing firm, exempt from falling; used of a sure footed horse.*

a. This is to stumble and fall away from Christ.

B. And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy

1. **present you**- Gr. **histemi**- *to stand*

2. **faultless**- Gr. **amomos**- *from the Greek God Momus who was the ultimate faultfinder. Even Momus himself could not find fault with us in Christ!*

a. We are faultless through the blood and finished work of Christ, not our own performance. Our performance will always be with fault. Christ's righteousness has no fault. We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ. When God's penetrating gaze is upon us, He only sees His own righteousness in Christ.

3. **presence**- Gr. **katenopion**- *right down in His penetrating sight or gaze*

4. **exceeding joy**- Gr. **agalliasis**- *exultation, extreme joy, gladness exultation; used of the joy Jesus is anointed with.*

25. To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

A. To God our Savior,

1. **God our Savior**- Jesus is both God and our Savior

B. Who alone is wise

1. **God alone is wise.** The false teachers claimed to be wise. We can't claim our own wisdom. Our wisdom is the Word of God, which is the mind of Christ.

C. be glory and majesty,

1. **glory**- Gr. **doxa**- *opinion, view, splendor*

2. **majesty**- Gr. **megalosune**- from **mega**- *largeness, greatness*

D. dominion and power

1. **dominion**- Gr. **kratos**- *ruling power- we derive democracy from this word- demos- people; kratos- ruling power- the rule of the people.*

2. **power**- Gr. **exousia**- *authority*

E. both now and forever. Amen

1. Although Christ has not come back to earth yet, He still has ruling power and authority. Until He physically returns he wields this power through the Church. The church must yield to Christ in obedience for Him to rule as He wishes.

2. **Amen**- Gr. **amen**- *so be it, it is so*