



Today and for the next three Sundays leading up to **CHRISTMAS**, we're going to be studying the final third of the little Bible book called **Jude**. In **verses 17-25**, Jude (the half-brother of Jesus) gives us an ideal combination of scriptural teaching and seasonal timing ... at least from a preacher's vantage point. 😊 Jude clearly articulates a very helpful set of Christ-like lifestyle focus points that we all need to be constantly reminded of, most *especially* during the Holidays. So... for this Sunday (12.5.21), we will be looking at **Jude 17-19** via a message called, **CHRISTMAS PROTECTION**. On the next Sunday (12.12.21), we'll study **Jude 20-23** and label that message, **CHRISTMAS PRIORITIES**. Then finally, on the Sunday just before Christmas (12.19.21), we'll look at **Jude 24-25** and title that message, **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**. Now admittedly, Jude the author didn't really write with a Christmas theme in mind. However, what Jude brings to our attention is the exact kind of truth we all need to learn and faithfully live as we head into this **CHRISTMAS 2021** and prepare for **NEW YEAR'S 2022**.

(v.17)

Live Knowing That You Are The Object Of ...

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Live Squarely Based On The Teachings Of ...

(vv. 18-19)

Live In Full Contrast To The Broken Patterns Of ...

1. (v.18) We stay aware of Jesus and ...
2. (v.18) We honor purity in love and ...
3. (v.19) We seek to bring the church together and ...
4. (v.19) We look up for God's guidance rather than ...
5. (v.19) We ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit rather than ...

FIND YOUR 2021 **CHRISTMAS PROTECTION** IN ...

God's _____

God's _____

God's _____

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of Pastor John's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.

1. Why is the word "beloved" such a special term? How does it make you feel to know that God calls you, His beloved? How will constantly telling yourself that you are beloved of God help protect you in your walk with Jesus & enhance your walk with Jesus? Read aloud **Romans 5:5**. Who else is constantly telling you that you are beloved of the Lord?
2. What does a life being lived, based squarely on the Word of God, look like? In other words, what are some specific characteristics of life that is genuinely Biblical in orientation? Is living this way a burden or a blessing? Explain why you chose the answer you did.
3. In verses 18-19, Jude exhorts us to live in full contrast to the broken patterns of this this busted world's ways. Pastor John identified 5 ways that we Jude says we are to live differently from the world's ways. Re-state each of those 5 ways, in your own words, and explain what these principles mean in terms of living differently from this world. Read aloud **1 Peter 2:12, 20**. What is Peter telling us will occur when God's people live God's ways?
4. As we enter into the 2021 Holidays, why do we, as followers of Jesus, need to be acutely aware of the need for Christmas Protection? How will you prioritize God's Love, God's Word and God's Ways as you celebrate Christmas and New Year's? How do you hope 2022 will be spiritually different for you and your relationship with Jesus?

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'Christmas Protection,' message from John K. Nagle

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