

Jude 1 - 4

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Introduction To Jude

- Likely written by Jesus' half brother Jude; c. 65-69 AD.
- Writing to remind Believers about truth & untruth.
- God's people sometimes forget the importance of the truth, Satan never does.
- Since the fall, the father of lies (John 8:44) has worked to destroy, hide, & twist God's truth.
- Seeks to to replace it with falsehood and deception.
- Truth must be protected; as a main priority.

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Jude 1

- Jude sees himself as a bond-slave of Christ and a brother of James; half brothers of Christ (humility on display).
- Jude appeals to his spiritual lineage over bloodline.
- They did not initially believe; John 7:5 but did-1 Cor. 15:7.
- Jude gives three designations that are true of all believers.
  - Called out of the world by the Gospel (Holy Spirit conviction).
  - Loved by God to be God's special and pure people.
  - Kept from danger, defilement, and damnation until they finally stand before God; in perfection.

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Jude 2

- Jude encourages his readers and speak into their lives.
  - Mercy = God’s undeserved compassionate comfort and care for His children (saints) in times of conflict and stress.
  - Peace = confidence that come from reliance on God’s word looking to Him in ALL things.
  - Love = undeserved embrace of God for His people, a super-affection that should then be shared with others.
- He wishes that these three blessings be multiplied. Not measured out by addition, but by multiplication!

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Jude 3

- Dear friends (beloved) – pastoral concern for readers.
- He wanted to write a salvation message.
- More important to address **contending** for the faith.
- Stand for it, not back away, & attack untruth.
- “The Faith” was delivered in its completed form.
  - Accomplished and completed.
  - No need of revision (2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
  - Do not add to or take away (Deut. 12:32, Rev. 22:18-19).

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Jude 4

- Sound doctrine has always been under siege.
  - Garden of Eden and Israel’s disobedience.
  - Religious rulers during Jesus’ public ministry.
  - Judaizers after the Church was brought into being.
  - Atheism, Gnosticism, Arianism, Mormonism, JW, Islam.
- False believers slipped in covertly to malign the truth.
- False teacher’s judgment written about long ago.
- Grace is turned into antinomianism (free for all).

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