

Truth for Life: Vital Truth to Retain

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Bible Passage: Jude 5-10

Big Idea: Retain the _____ you have learned, grave danger comes to the one who _____ truth!

#1-Remember the _____, so you are READY to contend for the faith. (5-7)

- First Example: _____. Understand the dynamic of unbelief and its danger v. 5
 - Numbers 14:32-35
- Second Example: _____. Consider the devastation of rebellion. v. 6
- Third Example: _____ & _____. Give thought to the destiny of the sexually immoral and perverted v. 7

#2-Search your life & soul for sins of _____ (8-10)

- Rejection of God's truth leads to _____ (8)
- Rejection of God's truth fills one with _____ (9)
 - **IMPORTANT QUESTION---**How should we respond when biblical authors cite nonbiblical sources?
 - Recognize that this actually occurs.
 - Jude cites The Assumption of Moses (Jude 9)
 - Jude alludes to the book of Enoch (Jude 14)
 - The Apostle Paul cites pagan poets and philosophers (Acts 17:28)
 - It is clear that some extrabiblical material and even non-Christian material is informing the biblical author's writings as the Holy Spirit guides.
 - **Keep in mind that to cite or quote a part of a nonbiblical source does not require one to believe that all of that source is correct or that it is inspired by God.**
- Rejection of God's truth makes one i _____ (10)
 - Guard your _____
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Truth Into Action:

- Contending for the faith requires - **Remembering the Biblical examples TO FOLLOW & TO AVOID!**
- Heed the warning, *sexual perversion can consume you*. **Sexuality is a gift from God to be stewarded, not a toy to played with.**
- Heed the warning, *eternal punishment can claim you*. **Jesus lived, died and rose again to give you life and keep you safe forever.**

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Read Jude 5-10

Warm Up: This sermon is a follow up to Jude 4 where false teachers “crept in unnoticed who long ago... pervert the grace of our God.” Why is it important that a local church be careful in allowing people to lead or teach others spiritual truth?

1. Where do you see the increasing influence of unbelief, rebellion, and immorality in our culture? How can these attitudes creep into the church?
2. Why do you think people today find it so difficult to believe in God’s judgement?
3. Do you think it is easy or difficult to submit to spiritual authority? Why? In what areas of your life do you tend to reject any outside authority?
4. How would you explain the scene in verse 9 to a new student of the Bible? What should Christians make of extrabiblical sources that the biblical authors reference? Are they also inspired? [hint provided in sermon notes]
5. What does Jude mean by comparing the false believers to animals? Is he simply insulting them?
6. Read Luke 6:43–45 and see what Jesus says about the connection between our words and our hearts. What do your words reveal about your heart?
7. How would you help someone know what it means to examine themselves, to see if they are in the faith (cf. 1 Cor 13:5)?
8. Make a list of what Adam and Eve gave up and what they got in return for their own sin and discuss it with those in your group. What do you sacrifice when you go after sin?
9. How does sexual perversion consume us? How can we seek to be loving when confronting others who engage in sexual sin?
10. Personal reflection: Are you content with and confident that God knows what he is doing in your life? Or is your heart gripped by a spirit of rebellion, especially if you suspect what God has for you is not what you want for yourself?

Closing Prayer: Father one day my battle with unbelief will come to an end. Until that day, cause me to be tenacious with my faith and my devotion to Jesus Christ. I love you so much. Amen!!!