

(vv1-13) the Holy Spirit compelled Jude to write this letter and ‘...*exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*’ Ungodly men had secretly slipped into the church and introduced sexual immorality among other sins. God wants us to know that all apostates will be eternally condemned: ‘*For there are certain men crept in unawares...ungodly men...destroyed them that believed not...are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire...Woe unto them...to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.*’ God wants us to make contending for the faith a priority because many will follow these false pretenders into eternal destruction **2 PETER 2:1,2.**

(vv14-18) ‘*But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*’ God’s desire for us is to always remember what the Bible says, the Apostles have warned us of the infiltration of Satanic men into the church:

**Paul:** ACTS 20 (vv17-32) ‘...*shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*’ The Holy Spirit through Paul gives us the way of victory over apostates: ‘*So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace...*’ God’s grace is His undeserved favor which He has given each believer in Jesus; this grace allows us to look at what God has done for us and continues to do, and if we keep this in our hearts we will be free from those who try to collapse our faith. **EPHESIANS 1** (vv3-20) all spiritual blessings, sealed with the Holy Spirit, eternal inheritance. **EPHESIANS 2** (vv8,9,18) saved by faith alone, access to the Throne of God. **EPHESIANS 3** (vv11,12, 19-21) to know the love of Christ. Before we attempt to live this life in Christ, comprehend what God’s grace has done already. **1 TIMOTHY 4:1-6; 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9** God warns us through Paul of false teachers; watch for them.

**Peter:** **2 PETER 2:1-18; 3:1-4** ‘*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.*’

**John:** **1 JOHN 2:18,19; 4:1-6** ‘...*because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*’

(v19) ‘*These [apostates] be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*’ Jude gives us three more conspicuous traits these ungodly men (women) have:

1. ‘*separate themselves*’ (cause divisions) we need to be on constant guard against those who cause divisions based on their own feelings, not on the Word of God. **1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-19** ‘*For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*’ We must always come back to the Bible and what it says in all matters of faith. **3 JOHN 1:9-11** Diotrephes is an example of an apostate; he loved to have the preeminence over the church. Instead God commands that Jesus alone have that place of honor: **COLOSSIANS 1:18** ‘*And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*’ Our attitude should be humbleness: **PHILIPPIANS 2:3; 3 JOHN 11.** What an eternal difference when we live God’s way.

2. ‘*sensual*’ (worldly-minded) the Greek word is ‘*psychikos*’ - of or belonging to breath; the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion.

3. ‘*having not the Spirit*’ an apostate never has become a child of God no matter how public or prominent their confession of faith is. **1 CORINTHIANS 2** (vv1-14) ‘*natural man*’ is again ‘*psychikos*’ in the Greek manuscript; in Jude, the word is translated ‘*sensual.*’ (vv15,16) ‘*But he that is spiritual...*’ the Greek word is ‘*pneumatikos*’ – a person with the Spirit and controlled by Him. ‘*But we have the mind of Christ.*’ This is a truth that is operational every moment of every day.

Jude exhorts us to contend for the faith...because ungodly men have crept into the church...they are consumed with desires of the flesh and the world. **1 JOHN 2:15,16** ‘*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*’

As we look at our relationship to God through Jesus, we have the truth of being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, as opposed to those who do not have the Spirit. The believer’s relationship with God:

- baptized by the Spirit **1 CORINTHIANS 12:13**
- we can cry Abba Father **GALATIANS 4:6**
- sealed by the Holy Spirit **EPHESIANS 1:13,14**
- led by the Spirit **ROMANS 8:14**
- indwelt by the Spirit **JOHN 14:17**
- taught by the Spirit **JOHN 16:13**

An apostate knows nothing of these things, Jude reveals concerning them: ‘*having not the Spirit.*’ Walk in Jesus with a renewed mind for ‘*we have the mind of Christ!*’

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contending for the faith

**vv3,4** '...exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares...ungodly men...'

**v4** ...who were before of old ordained to this condemnation...

**v5** ...afterward destroyed them that believed not...

**v6** And the angels...He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**v7** ...suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

**v11** Woe unto them!

**v13** ...to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

2Pet 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2Pet 2:2 And **many** will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

**Jude 1:17** But, beloved, **remember** ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ...

# Paul

For I know this...shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

**Acts 20:32** So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Gods Amazing Grace



All spiritual blessings...  
Chosen in Jesus...  
The forgiveness of sins...  
An eternal inheritance...  
Sealed with and by the Holy Spirit...  
Resurrection power in our walk...  
Saved by faith apart from works...  
Access to the Throne of God...  
To know the love Christ...



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Gods Amazing Grace



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<sup>17</sup> But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.

<sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.”

JUDE 1: 17-18

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**1Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly [explicitly/ clearly]...

**2Tim 3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**Peter**

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2Pet 3:3 **Knowing** this first, that there shall  
come in the last days scoffers [mockers], walking  
after their own lusts...

γινώσκω **ginōskō** - to know, understand, perceive,  
have knowledge of

**John**

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Beloved, believe not every spirit,  
but try the spirits whether they are of God:  
because many false prophets  
are gone out into the world.

**1 John 4:1**

1. 'separate themselves' [cause divisions]

2. 'sensual' [worldly-minded]

3. 'having not the Spirit'

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**Jude 1:3** 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.

**Jude 1:4** 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.

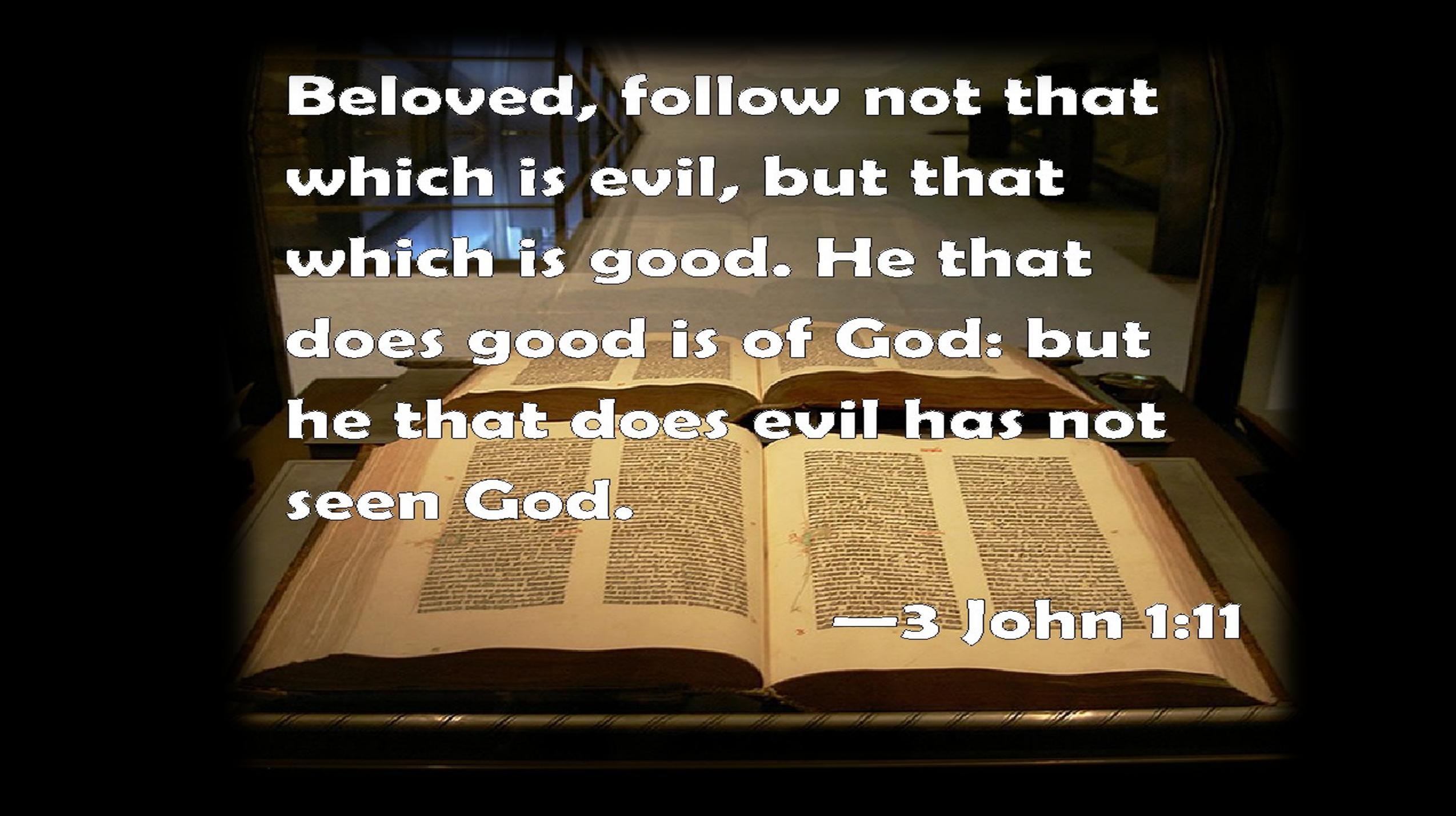
**Jude 1:19** These be they who separate themselves... (NASB 'cause divisions'/ NIV 'divide you']

**1Cor 11:19** For there must be also heresies [factions] among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

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**Col 1:18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things **He may have the preeminence.**

**Phil 2:3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

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**Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that does evil has not seen God.**

**—3 John 1:11**

**Jude 1:19** These be they who separate themselves,  
**sensual**... (NASB 'worldly-minded'/ NIV 'mere  
natural instincts')

**'psychikos'** {psü-khe-ko's}

- of or belonging to breath
- the principal of animal life, which men have in  
common with the animals
  - natural man

**Jude 1:19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, **having not the Spirit.**

**Rom 8:9** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

**'the natural man'** (NIV 'person without the Spirit')

**'psychikos' - 'sensual'** (JUDE 1:19)

**'spiritual' - 'pneumatikos'**

- one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God

**BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF  
CHRIST.**

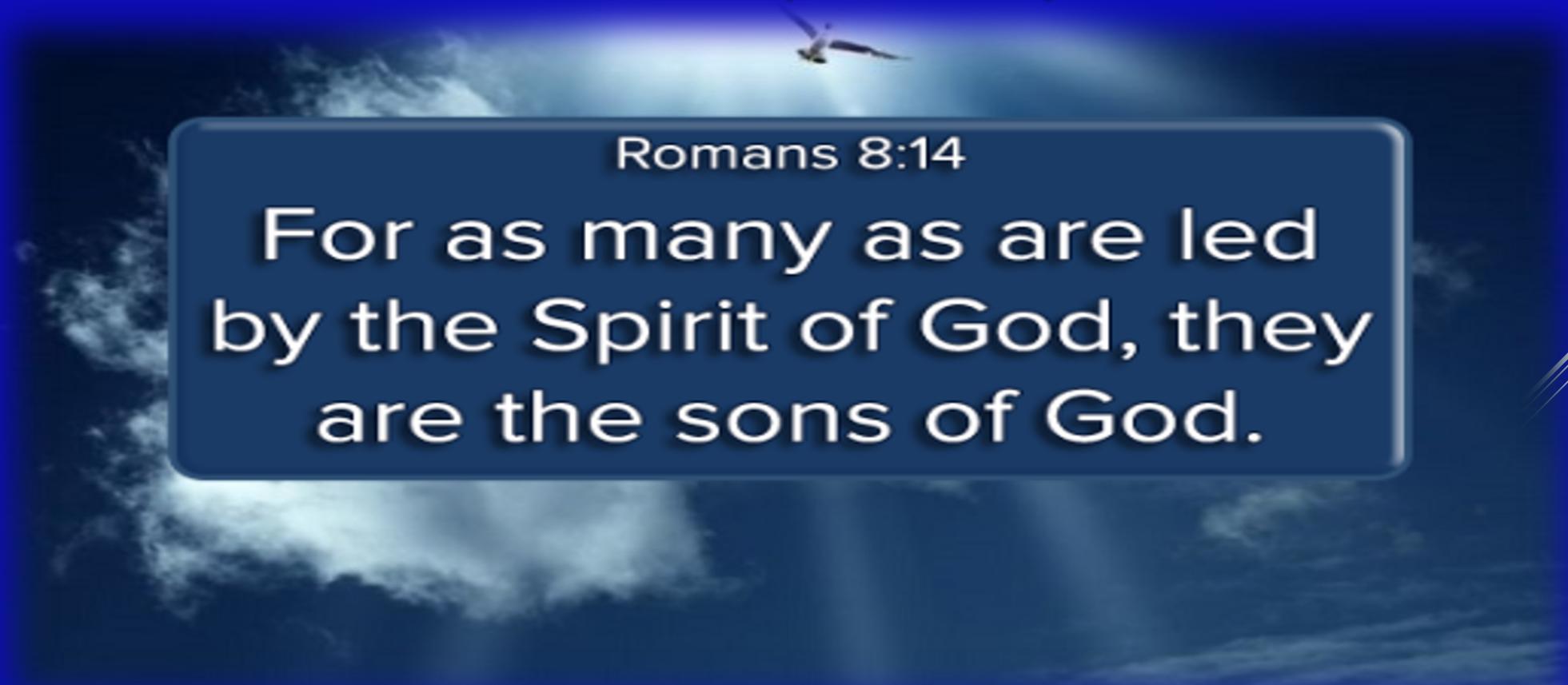
**1 CORINTHIANS 2:16**

**DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD—THE LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE—IS NOT OF THE FATHER BUT IS OF THE WORLD.**

**I JOHN 2:15-16**



- Baptized by the Spirit
- We can cry "ABBA Father"
  - Sealed by the Spirit



Romans 8:14

For as many as are led  
by the Spirit of God, they  
are the sons of God.

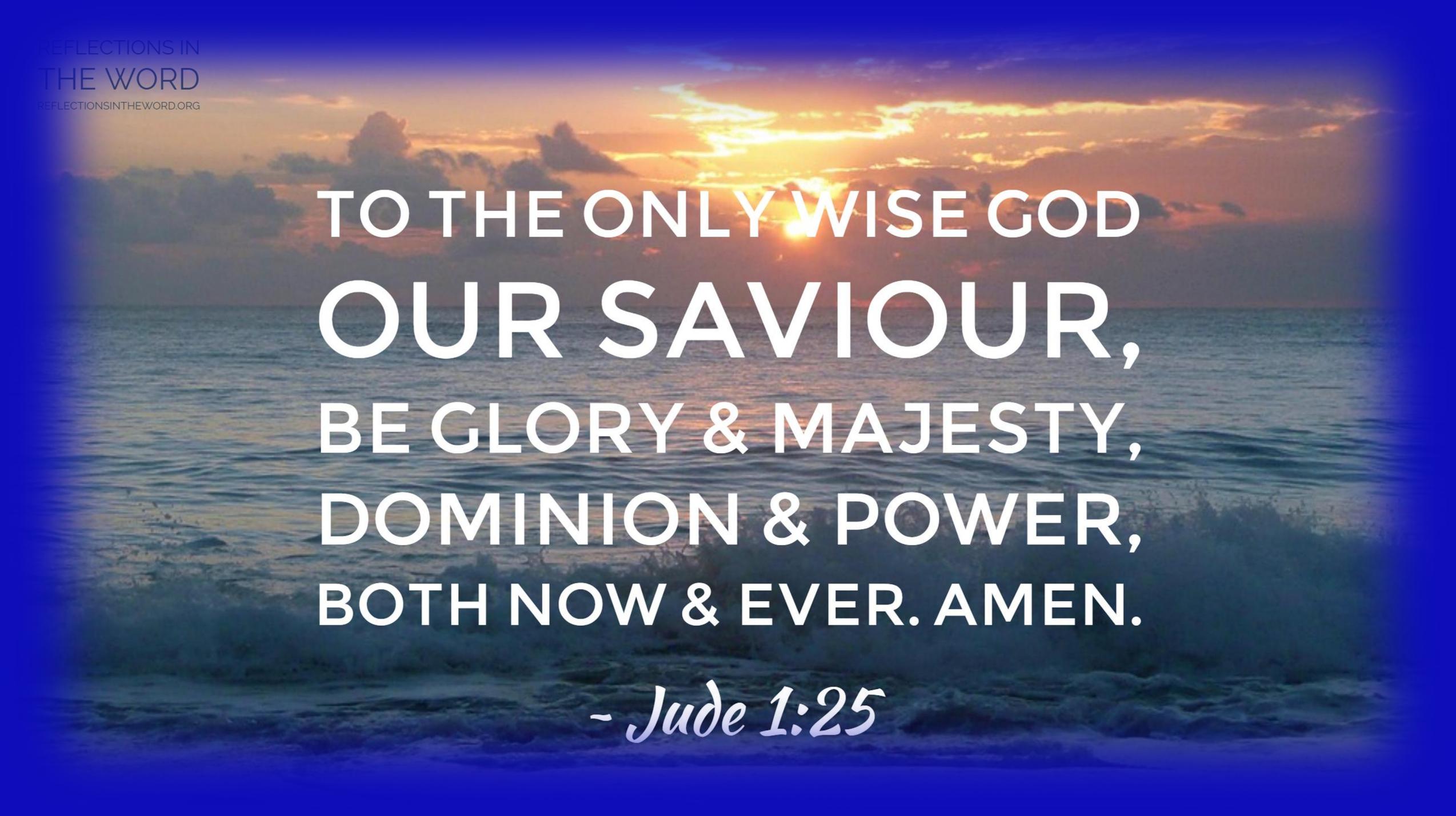


**Jhn 14:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**Jhn 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**JESUS ISN'T A  
SMALL PART  
OF MY LIFE.**

**HE IS  
MY LIFE.**

A sunset over the ocean with a blue gradient overlay. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The text is centered and reads: TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOUR, BE GLORY & MAJESTY, DOMINION & POWER, BOTH NOW & EVER. AMEN.

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*- Jude 1:25*

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