

Chapter 1

Jude

1Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called: **2**Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. **4**For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. **(A Christian should defend the Bible and alert their church and others of ungodly people who have made their way into them, who claim that God's marvelous grace allows Christians to live immoral lives. These people deny the Lord Jesus Christ and His Lordship over their lives (not living the way He wants them to live – a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com)**

5I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. **6**And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. **7**Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. **(Not continuing to live the Christian lifestyle and following God's plans and partaking in sexual activity before marriage doesn't align with Christianity.)**

8Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. **9**Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. **(Instead of accusing and stressing over the devil, a Christian should simply leave his judgement to God.)** **10**But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. **11**Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. **(A Christian, who is controlled by the Spirit of God, shouldn't do whatever their instincts tell them, (Jude 1:19) which leads to sin such as murder, cheating people out of their money, and rebellion.)** **12**These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; **13**Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

14And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, **15**To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. **16**These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. **(Some common traits of those mentioned in verses 3-4 are that they're grumblers and faultfinders, only care about themselves and their desires, loudly brag about themselves, and they flatter and cater to people in order to get what they want out of them.)**

17But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18**How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19**These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. **(People who create such divisions in churches show contempt for the Bible's true message, satisfy their ungodly desires, and since they don't have God's Spirit in them, they follow their natural instincts.)** **20**But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **21**Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **(A Christian keeps themselves in the love of God by encouraging other Christians to follow Christ (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com), asking God to help them be a better follower of Christ, and looking forward to Christ's return.)** **22**And of some have compassion, making a difference: **(A Christian should encourage and give advice to Christians who are struggling in following Christ.)** **23**And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; **(A Christian should encourage non-Christians to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior by setting a good example in their kindness and lifestyle, or by telling them how to become Christians. For examples of how to lead others to Christ, see chapters 26-32 of the pdf file book featured at this website- www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. **(A Christian should hate the sin committed by non-Christians but not act arrogant towards them. They should display love and friendliness without committing their sins.)**

24Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **(Similar verses are 1 Corinthians 1:8-9. A Christian never loses their salvation, and God considers them faultless of sin. God not only erases their sins; He forgets their sins. (Isaiah 43:25) In keeping with the theme of Jude, God prevents a true Christian from permanently being led away from the Christian faith by false teachers.)** **25**To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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