

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

Jude 1:1-2

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“WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Jude 1:1-2

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*Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
To **those** who are (1) **called**, (2) **sanctified** by God the Father, and (3) **preserved** in
Jesus Christ² Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.*

In Our Introduction to Jude

We learned that Jude’s Intention was to write a letter of encouragement to the churches about their common or unified salvation in Christ.

Evil was Creeping in “Dressed” as Christianity

Gnostics, Holding to “Antinomianism”

The “Spirit World” was all that God was concerned with.

The “Material World” didn’t matter – do as you please!

“If it feels good, do it” was their motto

And if they had a theme song it would have been Madonna’s

“Material Girl”

So Now We Move to the Book Itself

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

1.) *He has Invited us into His Family* vv. 1a

Jude 1:1a

*Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
To those who are...*

He has Invited us into His Family

1a.) By *delivering us* from the slavery of this world

Verse 1

Jude, Jack, a bondservant of Jesus Christ

Bondservant GRK 401. douvloß doulos, *doo'-los*; from 1210;
A slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency):—bond(-man), servant.

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

He has Invited us into His Family

1b.) By *conquering us* with His love

Verse 1

He has Invited us into His Family

1c.) By *recreating relationships*

Verse 1

and **brother** of James

brother as in flesh and blood

Brother GRK 80. ajdelfo/β adelphos, *ad-el-fos*; delfu/β delphus
(born of the womb/ siblings or WOMB-MATES); a physical brother.

Matthew 13:55

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary?
And His **brothers** James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?
delphus (born of the womb or womb mates);

When God Moves in a Family

When a Family is Anchored Spirituality...

Luke 14:25-26 GNT

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, ²⁶ **“Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well.**

Luke 18:29-30

So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

In Have Homes and Family (*spiritually*)

In Sankt Petersburg / London / Stuttgart / New York...

And So Do All of You

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

2.) *He has Called us*

vv. 1b

Jude 1:1b
To **those** who are (1) **called...**

He has Called us

2a.) According to His own *timing*

Verse 1

2 Timothy 1:9 GNT

He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

He has Called us

2b.) According to His own *goodness*

Verse 1

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were **called** in one hope of your **calling**;

Philippians 3:14 CEV

I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

God is Good – *All the Time*

He has Called us

2c.) According to His own *will*

Verse 1

God desires That You Know Him
(He Wants to be Known)

“Pastor Jack – I Want to Know God”
Not Nearly as Much as God wants to be Known

The “Calling” as a calling to “Know God”
Not to Have Knowledge of God - But to Know Him as a Friend is Known

Ephesians 1:16-18

do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Phil. 3:8-10a CEV

Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ ⁹ and to know that I belong to him. I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepted me simply because of my faith in Christ. ¹⁰ All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him to life.

Paul’s Prayer for Every Believer

Colossians 1:9-10

...I do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge** of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work **and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

3.) He has Sanctified us

vv. 1c

Jude 1:1

To **those** who are (2) **sanctified** by God the Father...

Set Apart for a Cause, a Purpose!!!

Is there any weakness about you? – a purpose!

He has Sanctified us

3a.) According to His own **wisdom**

Verse 1

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important.

He has Sanctified us

3b.) According to our best **Interest**

Verse 1

2 Thessalonians 1:11 CEV

God chose you, and we keep praying that God will make you worthy of being his people. We pray for **God's power to help you do** all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do.

2 Peter 1:10 ISV

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

Father Knows Best – for us

He has Sanctified us

3c.) According to His **power**

Verse 1

His Power to Save is “Almighty”

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

How We “Gauge Power” is so Limited

Jesus in this World – was absolute power

Jesus at the Cross – was absolute power

Jesus Resurrected – was absolute power

Jesus Lives – is absolute power

Jesus Coming Again – is absolute power

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

4.) **He has Preserved us**

vv. 1d

Jude 1:1d

To those who are (3) preserved in Jesus Christ...

The Lord's Power to Preserve,
is Awesome!

Preserve 5083. thre+w tereo, *tay-reh'-o*; from tero/β teros

to set a watch upon someone for their own benefit. To ensure safety and security so that another may be at peace. A father “keeping” his daughter for her wedding day.

Keeping / Kept / Reserved / Preserved

Joshua 24:17 NIV

It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

2 Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The “Preserving” Process

1 Peter 5:10

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God *are irrevocable*.

1Th. 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you completely**; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body **be preserved blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
²⁴ He who calls you *is faithful*, He will also do *it!*

He has Preserved us

4a.) By *sending* us the Holy Spirit

Verse 1

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now He who **establishes** us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is God*, ²² who also has **sealed us** and given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

He has Preserved us

4b.) By **sealing** us with His Authority

Verse 1

2 Corinthians 1:22

God who also has **sealed us**
and given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts **as a guarantee.**

During the Times of Christ, of Jude.

Those Wealthy enough had "Purchasing Agents" who were commissioned to travel the world with their master's desires in mind. This career was funded fully by the Owner.

**His Ownership was Established
with His Family Seal**

There is The Owner
God the Father

There is The Receiver
God the Son

There is The Purchasing Agent
God the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you who became God's own people did so when you heard the true message, the Good News that brings you salvation. You believed in Christ, and trusted Him. At that, God put **his stamp of ownership upon you** by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. ¹⁴ The Holy Spirit **is the guarantee** - - that we will receive exactly what God has promised to all of us who are his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory!

Great Verse of Comfort

Ephesians 4:28-30 GNT

If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor. ²⁹ Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. ³⁰ And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free.

He has Preserved us

4c.) By **securing** us for the day

Verse 1

The Words "Preserved" or "Kept"
Are Specifically Referring to Two Independent, Key Events.

Either Our Own Going to Him via Death
Or
His Return for Us via The Rapture

2 Timothy 1:12

...I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

In The Negative

Romans 2:4-6

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

THE PERSONAL APPLICATION