

Sunday, May 21, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Jude, A Letter to Believers

Series: Jude, An Ancient Letter Written to Believers of THIS Day...1 **Text:** Jude 1

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of their individual uniqueness in God's creation, calling and destiny; and in particular His timing for us!

Introduction:

~ Jude identifies himself as the brother of James. Both are half-brothers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jude in the Greek is Judas. A name that is not common because we associate it with a traitor.

~ The book of Acts records the BEGINNING of the Church age and Jude warns of the END of the Church age.

~ Jude deals extensively and almost exclusively with the subject of apostasy!

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction."

APOSTASY: the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.

~ 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."

~ 2 Peter 2:1, "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction." KJV, "...damnable heresies,"

1. To Those Who Are Called:

~ vs. 1, "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James, To those who are called,"

~ Romans 8:29 – 30, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified and those whom he justified he also glorified."

Foreknew, predestined, called, justified, glorified

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

~ John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

~ John 6:65, "And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 14, "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. (14) To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2. To Those Who Are Beloved:

~ vs. 1, "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father"

~ The expression "beloved" is most frequently used of the Father to the Son. Matthew 3:17, 12:18, 17:5; Mark 1:11, 9:7; Luke 3:22; Colossians 1:13

~ John 16:27, "for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God."

~ John 17:20 – 23, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, (21) that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them that they may be one even as we are one, (23) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

~ Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:13, "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."

3. To Those Who Are Kept:

~ vs. 1, "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ;"

Kept – to attend to carefully, take care of; to guard; to keep, one in the state in which he is; to observe; to reserve: to undergo something

~ John 2:10, "and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.""

~ John 17:11 – 12, "And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (12) While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled."

~ Acts 12:5, "So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church." See also Acts 25:4 and 21; Jude 1:6

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

~ 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Conclusion:

Did you notice the Trinity in verse 1?

Called, Beloved, Kept

Called by the Father, Beloved by the Son, and Kept by the Holy Spirit!