

Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

Title: Danger of Being a False Believer

Series: Jude, An Ancient Letter Written to Believers of THIS Day...5 **Text:** Jude 1:1 - 25

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that there is an enormous difference between professing faith in Christ Jesus and POSSESSING faith in Christ Jesus.

Introduction:

The devotional last week was entitled "Beware of the Fifth Column," and the major points were:

- 1) Beware of Certain People,
- 2) Beware for They Are Deceitful,
- 3) Beware for They are Ungodly,
- 4) Beware for They Pervert the Grace of Our God

~ Today is Father's Day! The most important gift any father can give to sons and daughters is the example of a genuine living faith in Christ Jesus.

~ Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

~ Matthew 7:16 - 20

~ 2 Corinthians 13:5 - 10

~ Jude 1:5, "Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe."

1. Professors of Faith:

~ Matthew 15:8 - 9, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; (9) in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

~ Titus 1:16, "They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work."

~ 1 John 2:9, "Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness."

~ 3 John 1:11, "Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God."

2. Possessors of Faith:

True possessors of faith are:

~ Jude 1:1, "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:"

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 - 20, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

~ Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

~ 2 Timothy 2:19, "But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

3. People of Israel:

~ Jude 1:5, "...who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe."

Please notice that this was a NATIONAL deliverance from slavery not an INDIVIDUAL deliverance from the bondage of sin.

~ Exodus 12:38, "A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds."

~ Numbers 14:30, "not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun."

4. People in God's Field Today:

~ Matthew 13:24 - 30

~ vs. 24, God has sown good seed in His field

~ vs. 25, there is an enemy at work sowing weeds

~ vs. 30, "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

Conclusion:

Hebrews 12:1 - 29



VBS 2023

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