

Our Common Salvation - The Faith That Stands

Jude 1:1-2

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Introduction: Hello everyone my name is Jackson Holt I am the Pastoral Intern here at true life! We are so glad that you're here especially if you're a guest! We are starting a new sermon series called The Faith that Stands and the fake that falls. It's a study through the book of Jude and the book of Jude has this overarching theme to contend for the faith. And in times like this guys, it is so important that we know how to contend for The Faith. So that's what we are going to be talking about for the next few weeks. Today we are going to cover the first few verses and in doing that we are going to be setting up a foundation for the rest of the series and in doing that we are going to be talking about our common salvation and what our response should be to that salvation.

Jude 1:1-2 "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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you."

I would like to start off by asking a question Who was Jude? In verse one we see that Jude identifies himself in two ways Jude, is a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, the James he's speaking of is believed to be the same James that was the half brother of Jesus which would make Jude a half brother of Jesus.

Mark 3:20-21 "Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Out of this description of salvation I would to point out to you three things and they are (1) As Christians we were called to salvation. (2) God's love has given us everything we need to live out of that salvation. (3) Jesus Preserves that Salvation.

1. As Christians we were called to salvation

The word "called" that Jude uses to identify His audience refers to the effectual calling of God. which the work of God's Spirit in the heart of a sinner, in that God convicts the identity of their sin and misery, enlightens their mind in the knowledge of Christ, renewing their will, in both persuading and enabling them to embrace Jesus Christ who is freely offered to us in the gospel. You see examples of this throughout the called bible. Such Phil. 2:13 which speaks of it's God working in us to will and for us to act to fulfill God's purpose. 2 Tim 2:25 which speaks of God granting people repentance by leading them to a knowledge of the truth.

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

John 6:37 says All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 10:16 "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

2. God's love has given everything us need to live out that salvation

I would like to start this by asking the question, what does it mean to be loved by God?

As I was studying this passage I came to this question and I would like to walk you through of how I came to my answer.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Well, I want to think about this God is the best person that has existed. Well if that's the case then what's the most loving thing that God could ever do for us? The answer is to give us Him and allow us to have a relationship with Him.

3. Jesus perseveres that Salvation.

For this, I would like to give you for examples of what it means to be kept for Jesus.

(1) No one can take us away from Jesus. (John 10:28) "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

(2) Nothing in all of creation can separate from the love of God. (Romans 8:37-39.) "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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(3) We are kept for the glory of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:13-14) "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee[a] of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,[b] to the praise of his glory."

(4) God will finish the work he started in you. (Philippians 1:6.) "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

So in conclusion we are called, beloved, and kept. As Christians we are called to salvation. God's love has given us everything we need to live out that salvation and Jesus perseveres that salvation. So with knowing this the question lies with of what do we due with this knowledge.

I believe Jude had the right response to become a servant of Christ.

What does it mean to be a servant of Christ? Someone who daily submits their will to the Lord. Romans 6:16-17 says: "16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed."

Luke 9:23 "And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.""