

PLEASE LISTEN-UP CHURCH – JUDE 1:3-4

Today we will learn about the _____ of Jude's letter. During the time of writing, the gospel and NT revelation was being spread around the known world. Because the Bible was being recorded in _____ form with copies abounding, false religions and doctrines were handily dispatched (with these scriptures and epistles). In order to counter this work of God the _____ began wresting the inspired words and tempting God's people to focus on self, a game plan he started way back in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1-7). This attack has always proved to be very effective as it continues to thwart mankind in full force. Thus, the instructions of Jude are _____ to read and heed, so *please listen-up church*.

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1. The _____ for this epistle – Jude 3

a. We are beloved

- Dearly loved by God

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b. Our salvation is common – Jo. 3:16; Titus 3:3-7

- It is not cheap; the price is the shed blood of Jesus Christ as payment for our sins
- It is available to anyone and everyone (common)

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c. We _____ to *earnestly contend* for the _____

- This is the same _____ that was once delivered unto the saints – Heb. 11
- This is the _____ that *believes* what God says—over and above human reasoning, rationale, and understanding – Ro. 10:9-17

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2. *Why* we _____ to earnestly contend for the faith – Jude 4

a. Certain men crept in:

- *Certain men* is used here as an ominous term meaning they all operate alike, in the same fashion, following the same _____ S.O.P. – Num. 9:6; Deut. 13:13; Acts 15:1
- They crept in – moved slowly and carefully in order to avoid being heard or noticed; growing and expanding like branches or roots or cancer until they take over
- Into the fellowship of the saints, into local churches, into Bible studies, into evangelistic endeavors both private and public, into the homes and families of Christians, into the hearts and minds of believers everywhere

- They have been creeping around for a long, long time. They have been preparing for this condemning work since the garden of Eden and will continue during the tribulation period until Christ returns – 2 Thess. 2:7; Ezk. 28:11-19; Is. 14:12-14; Gen. 3:1-7; Rev. 17

b. Certain men are working a threefold plan of attack

1- They turn the _____ of our God into lasciviousness – 1 Jo. 2:16

Lasciviousness – An unusually powerful strong desire to feed sensual carnal fleshly lusts:

- Physical lusts for another person
- Material lusts for more creature comforts
- Emotional lusts for abusing things that we put in and out of our mouth, let into our ears, and occupy our eyes (alcohol, CBD, Marijuana, prescription drugs of all kinds, food—comfort eating and gorging, carnal music, foul language, unproductive conversation, gossip, evil speaking, pornography, too much news, too much tv and videos, etc., etc., etc.)
- Intellectualism (more education, mastery of an art or science, knowing things others don't, showing off and bragging about self—feeding the “Me Monster,” always interested in some new thing, always looking to be different by entertaining unbiblical unsubstantiated spiritual beliefs, wresting the scriptures, thinking you are smarter than God or the Bible, intellectually rebellious toward sound doctrine, biblical truth, and pure logic)
- Bitterness (blaming others for your problems, not having or keeping friends, cannot get along with others, thinking you are superior, having better ideas than everybody else, narcissistic behavior, anti-social, troubled, chaotic, surrounded by drama, no repentance, no peace or satisfaction)
- The goal is to get believer to be so focused on self through _____ that it is impossible to experience the _____ of God. When this takes place, no grace abounds, and no grace to give—hence no grace is received by God and no grace is received from others 😞
- Pride manifests itself in three primary ways:
 - 1) Sexual immorality and lusts of the flesh – I want what makes me feel good
 - 2) Temporal values – living for today, living for the moment, the here and now
 - 3) Bitterness – focused on what others have done to me

This is and always has been the enemy's greatest plan of attack

2- They deny the only Lord God – Ex. 20:3; 2 Cor. 11:4

They primarily violate the first commandment (but also all the ten commandments)

They make up their own form of god and believe in their heart it is the one true God

The gods they worship are a manifestation of their lasciviousness (see #1 above)

3- They deny our Lord Jesus Christ – 1 John 4:1-4

They deny Jesus Christ is God in human flesh – 100% God, 100% man

They deny he alone is the _____ hope for salvation

They deny what the Bible clearly says about Jesus Christ in countless ways