

## Knowing God's Blessings Series

May10, 2023

Scripture: Jude 1:1-2

1. Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:
2. Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Summary: Jude wants to clear the air – help us understand the truth about “what it means to be a Christian”.

### Knowing God’s Blessings

Jude 1-2

**PROPOSITION:** Because you receive rich blessings in Christ, you must be faithful to God’s calling.

**I. Know your true position – being a servant. v. 1a**

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ,

**A. Being committed to Christ’s lordship.**

1. Jude was a servant to Jesus Christ.
2. Many are a servant to sin.

**B. Being committed to Christian humility.**

and brother of James,

1. He chose to humbly identify himself.
2. He could have highly exalted himself.

**II. Rest in your true security – it is God. v. 1b**

**to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.**

**A. God called you!**

**B. God loves you!**

- 1. He pours out His love on you.**
- 2. He pours out His love through His actions.**

**C. God keeps you!**

- 1. He is preserved “in God the Father”.**
- 2. He is preserved “for Christ”.**

**III. Practice your true vocation -- being Christ-like. v. 2**

**Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.**

**A. God gives a full measure of mercy.**

- 1. His people obtain His mercy.**
- 2. His people show mercy to others.**

**B. God gives a full measure of peace.**

- 1. His people live in harmony with Him.**
- 2. His people live in harmony with others.**

**C. God gives a full measure of love.**

- 1. His people are loved by Him.**
- 2. His people love others.**

**Scripture: Jude 1:3-4**

**3. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**

**4. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Summary: Do you want to know your personal responsibility as a believer so that you won't die from spiritual cancer?**

## **Knowing Your Responsibilities**

**Jude 3-4**

**Proposition: Because Christ is your Master, you must faithfully fulfill your responsibilities to Him.**

### **I. Contend for the faith! v. 3**

**A. It requires knowing the common salvation.**

**Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation,**

- 1. Jude was interested in the spiritual lives of others.**
- 2. Jude was actively involved in the spiritual lives of others.**

**B. It requires contending for doctrinal truth.**

**...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints ...**

- 1. Believers have been entrusted with “the faith...”**
- 2. Believers have been exhorted to stand for the purity of “the faith”.**
- 3. Believers have been exhorted to “battle for the truth”.**

**4. Believers have been given the completed truth.**

**C. It requires passing on the faith.**

**which was once delivered unto the saints.**

**1. You must be willing to hand down “the faith”.**

**2. You must be handing down “the faith”.**

**II. Beware of false teachers! v. 4**

**A. False teachers are present today.**

**For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation,**

**1. They are secretly slipping into the church.**

**2. They are warned against in the Scriptures.**

**B. False teachers are ungodly people.**

**ungodly men,**

**1. They have a form of “godliness”.**

**2. They will be judged for their “godlessness”.**

**C. False teachers pervert the grace of God.**

**turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**1. They are guilty of “practical denial” of the faith.**

**2. They are guilty of “theological denial” of the faith.**