

Contend for the Faith

Session 1: Made Holy By God And Preserved in Jesus

Jude 1:1 *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified [made Holy] by God the Father, and preserved [guard from loss or injury] in Jesus Christ, and called [appointed, invited]:*

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

2Peter 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,*
1:3 *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*
1:4 *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

What multiplies peace and love? Understanding that you are sanctified by God and preserved in Jesus. Knowing that everything you have need of is supplied by God!

Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Who has God invited to share his provision with? **1 John 2:2, John 3:16** God loves all of the people of the world. Jesus did not come to condemn the world, he came to save the world. It is God's desire that everyone partake of his provision, but not everyone has a revelation of that.

We were sanctified by God. Before God ever created man, he determined that mankind would be Holy and without blame.

Ephesians 1:2-8

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: **4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

We are preserved in Jesus.

Hebrews 10:14, 17 We have been perfected forever by Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-10 we are his workmanship

We buy things that have a guarantee. The designer stands behind his workmanship. God created man and was pleased with his work. **Genesis 1:31**. Often it seems like what God has created and called good has a serious flaw. Man without God is defective. But, our designer never intended for us to be complete without his part. God stands behind his work! He is the only authorized repair man.

Hebrews 10:23 hold fast, God is faithful that promised

Do you believe that you can count on God to supply everything? If you do, it will set you free!

John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

Hold Fast, earnestly Contend for the faith:

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common [shared by all] salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend [struggle, battle] for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints [blameless]

Peter tells the saints that God made them holy and that their holiness is preserved by Jesus. He also tells them that it will be a battle to hold on to the concept of God given holiness and preservation because there will be those that that will come in with teachings that contradict God given holiness.

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil (rob) through philosophy and vain deceits! You are complete (**crammed full, finished, perfect**) in him!

Galatians 1:3-7 beware, there will be some that will pervert the Gospel

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares [to settle in alongside], who were before of old ordained [enact or establish by law] to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [carnality-dictionary synonym], and denying [contradict] the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are those among us who have gone back to teaching the things of the law. They are people, who without realizing it (**crept in un- awares**) are contradicting God given principles concerning man. They are ungodly- in otherwise, they don't think like God thinks.

2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable [ruin or loss-destructive] heresies [a choice, disunion or deviation from truth], even denying [contradict] the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 Peter 2:2 *And many shall follow their pernicious [translated from same word as damnable in verse 1] ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil [to speak ill of-nullify] spoken of.*

*Are these false prophets of cults? No! They are people among us **(it could even be us at times)** ministering the things of the kingdom according to the power of the flesh or works! They are people that know the truth that have gone back to law thinking.*

2Peter 2:20 *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. **2:21** For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment **(authoritative prescription, precept)** delivered unto them.*

2Corinthians 11:14 *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

2Corinthians 11:15 *Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

Galatians 3:3 *Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?*

(Jude 1:4-denying the Lord God and Jesus) The very foundation and strength of our faith is being challenged. God says that he has provided everything for us, but there are those among us who don't seem to think or act like that is true.

Jude 1:4 . . .turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness (Carnality) Carnality is defined as trying to live a spiritual life by the power of the flesh. It is inspired by the God of this world

(flesh). It is a failure formula that is not based on God's mercy and it cannot multiply love or peace.

True rests in the power of God, not in the things of the flesh that will pass away!

1Pe 1:18 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 21 . . .that your faith and hope might be in God.*

1Peter 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abides for ever 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:*

If you lack peace and have no expectation of receiving mercy at the hand of God because you do not feel worthy, it is a good indication that you being deceived by these false doctrines)

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