

The Unsaved in the Church
Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel
Epistle of Jude Study – Jude 8-10
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Context: Jude in verses 5-7 has reminded Christians what God did to people found in unbelief, disobedience, and immorality. He used the examples of Israel, angels, and Gentiles. These examples were given as a warning against apostasy or falling away from the faith (the revealed truth from God).

Jude next turns to apostasy in God's church and what it does to His assemblies. Jude stated in verse 4 that unsaved persons have infiltrated into the church. Beginning in verse 8, Jude describes what these who do not have a true relationship to God are like. He first introduces them as dreamers. Their thinking has no substance as it is not from God's Word. He also characterizes them as immoral, arrogant, unbelieving, and disobedient. In verse 9 - 10, Jude uses the example of Satan disputing with the Archangel Michael. He demonstrates from this how the godless revile authority. This was the original sin of Satan, and he continues to act the same. Instead of relying on and trusting God or considering others, those without God move according to their own selfish will and thinking. These characterizations are so consistent that God through Jude can describes all apostates with the strongly alluded message – beware! The issue for the church is to recognize the danger, and act in grace to prevent the destruction of others within the assembly who may be led astray by their actions.

Broad outline of the Epistle of Jude (underlined is the immediate context).

- I. Call to Awareness (1-4)
- II. Challenge from History (5-7)
- III. Church warned to discern (8-16)
 - A. Character of Apostasy (8-13, 16)

Key Words (8-10)
● Revile
● Against
● Argue
● Disputed
● Dreaming
● Destroyed

Introduction:

1. Reprobate reasoning (Vs. 8a) -

2. Revel in sensuality (Vs. 8b) -

3. Reject God's authority (Vs. 8c) -

4. Righteous Contrasting Example (Vs 9) –

5. Revile God's truth (Vs. 10) -

Closing:

