

Holy God and Unholy People

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

Epistle of Jude Study – Jude 12-13

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Context: After providing examples of unsaved individuals in religious events of the past, and the disasters brought about because of their actions, now Jude will warn of how they stain and detract from proper worship functions of the church body. God is holy and requires His worshippers to worship Him in truth and spirit. As these individuals do not belong to Christ and are not really part of His church, they cannot fulfill this primary purpose. Jude will use these two verses (Jude 12-13) to give 5 metaphorical descriptions of the apostates. It is as though Jude were answering the most serious and sobering questions possible. The pictures provided by Jude give a sober warning for the true Church. As apostasy has slipped into churches, what are these apostates really like, and what do they really do for Christ's church? Because they are unsaved, they are incapable of helping spiritually in any area. What is their purpose in being in the church? They are present instead, whether knowingly or unknowingly, to produce problems in relation to what is true, good, or beneficial. The unsaved cannot worship or benefit God's people. We continue to be called to be wise and protective of God's church according to Scripture.

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

- II. Call to Awareness (1-4)
- III. Challenge from History (5-7)
- IV. Church warned to discern (8-16)
 - A. Character of Apostasy (8-13, 16)
 - 5. Revile God's Truth (10)
 - 6. Reject God's Will and Way (11)
 - 7. Ruin leading to Destruction (12-13, 16)

Key Words (12-13)

- without
- carried
- darkness
- dead
- hidden
- shame

Introduction: _____

A. Ruin leading to destruction (Vs. 12-13)

1. Selfishly dangerous (Vs. 12a)

2. Spurious (Vs. 12b)

3. Spiritually valueless (Vs. 12c)

4. Stir havoc (Vs. 13a)

5. Spurting stars (Vs. 13b)

6. Sentenced to Hell (Vs. 13c)

Closing: _____
