Stay Alert True Church! Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel Epistle of Jude Study – Jude 17-19 May 26th, 2024

Context: In verse 17 the "but" serves as a turning point or a contrast. He once again calls those whom he is writing "beloved." The idea is they are truly dear to Christ. There is a divide between those he has been describing and those he is warning. These he is calling "beloved" should be prepared to identify false brethren and act in wisdom to guard the church. Jude, as we see from verse 18, specifically focuses on the "last days." The Scripture reveals the escalation of apostasy in the days just prior to the second coming of Christ). These are the days in which we live.

In verse 19 Jude provides a summary disclosure of what the apostles were referring to in their writings as the damage brought on by apostasy. The damage comes in three destructive ways – these stir up quarrels leading to divisions within the body of the church; they do not have the mind of Christ but the mind of the secular world and therefore take the church in a wrong direction; and finally as they do not have the Spirit of God they are devoid of any ability to do the work of God and therefore manufacture their own gospel.

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 & instructed (8-23)
 - A. Character of Apostasy (8-13)
 - B. Coming judgment on Apostasy (14-16)
 - C. <u>Challenge from Apostasy</u> (17-19)

Key Words (17-19)

- Apostles
- Beloved
- beforehand
- Divisions
- mockers

Introduction: -

C. Challenge from Apostasy (Vs. 17-19)

1. Scriptural priority (Vs. 17)

2. Spiritual rejection (Vs. 18, 19c)

3. Stir trouble (Vs. 19a)

4. Secular focused (Vs. 19b)

Closing: