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Sermon - Part 2, September 24, 2023

Jude 5-16 – *These Certain People*

Discussion Questions

1. Jude warns against false teachers who have already crept in, spreading confusion, creating division and corrupting through their instruction. “These certain people” are unbelievers who attack the inerrancy of Scripture. According to verses 8-13, how else could their manner/character be recognized?
2. The word “*ungodly*” is used six times in this short epistle. Read verses 14-15 and discuss what it means to be ungodly. Are we able to point a finger outside the church for such people or must we confess some of this behavior in our own lives, whether in thought or action? Be still before the Lord and ask Him to reveal any impiety in your life.
3. Jesus is the agent of salvation and of destruction (verse 5). Because of their unbelief, most of Israel did not enter the promised land. Read Exodus 16:2, 32:8-9 and Joshua 5:6-7. Keeping this in mind, how does this relate to the early church and us today? (See Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 10: 9-12.)
4. Compare and contrast the Epistle of Jude with 2 Peter Chapter 2. What can be said about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the work of inspiring and organizing scripture?
5. In verse 11, Jude writes, “Woe to them!” Discuss other places in the Bible where “woes” are declared. What is the sin of the three people mentioned? How can we avoid falling into these same temptations? Pray the Holy Spirit to keep you humble and completely reliant on Jesus and His power. Ask Him also to give discernment and diligence in study so that we can recognize and call out those teachers “following their own sinful desires” (verse 16).



*“O Lord who laid down Your life for the sheep, preserve them from the fangs of the wolf. False teachers who craftily and industriously hunt for precious life, devouring men by their falsehoods, are as dangerous and detestable as evening wolves. Darkness is their element; deceit is their character; destruction is their end. They pose the greatest threat to our safety when they wear the sheep's skin.”*

~ Charles Haddon Spurgeon, *Morning & Evening*, September 10

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