



“Christianity”

What’s Truly Christian?
Jude 1:1-25

Recognizing: *The Faith, The Fakes, & the Fight*

I. The Faith

A. Justification - “of the common salvation” (vs. 1-3)

Believers are:

1. **Purification** - “Sanctified by God the Father”
2. **Preservation** - “preserved in Jesus Christ”
3. **Pursued** - “and called”

B. Jesus - “there are certain...ungodly men” (vs. 3-4)

Denying the:

1. **Saints** - “once delivered unto the saints”
2. **Sovereign** - “denying the only Lord God”
3. **Savior** - “denying ... our Lord Jesus Christ”

C. Judgment - “suffering the vengeance of eternal fire”(vs. 5-7)

Receiving judgment because of their:

1. **Disbelief** - “destroying them that believed not”
2. **Discontentment** - “which kept not their first estate”
3. **Deviancy** - “going after strange flesh”

II. The Fakes

Apostasy can be :

A. Shameful - “Woe unto them!” (vs. 8-11)

It is:

1. **Immorality** - “these filthy dreamers” pollute their bodies
2. **Insubordination** - “despise dominion” reject authority
3. **Irreverence** - “speak evil of dignities” slander celestials

B. Spurious - “spot in your feasts...with you ” fakes (vs. 12-13)

It is that they are:

1. **Dangerous** - “these are spots in your feasts of charity”
2. **Disappointing** - “clouds they are without water”
3. **Dead** - “trees...without fruit...twice dead, plucked up”
4. **Dirty** - “waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame”
5. **Doomed** - “to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness”

C. Selfish - “to convince...ungodly among them” (vs. 14-16)

It is what they:

1. **Complain** - “These are murmurers, complainers”
2. **Consume** - “walking after their own lusts”
3. **Compliment** - “swelling words...because of advantage”

Sentence Sermon:

“Apostasy is a perversion to evil after a seeming conversion from it.”

Additional Verses

- *I John 3:3*
- *Matthew 24:30*
- *II Thessalonians 1:7-10*
- *Acts 20:32*
- *II Timothy 2:15*
- *John 15:9-10*
- *I Peter 1:5,8, 9, 13*
- *Hebrews 12:2*
- *Romans 8:38-39*
- *II Corinthians 11:12-15*
- *II Peter 3:3-5*
- *Titus 2:11-13*
- *Proverbs 25:14*
- *Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 34:5-6*

Angels which kept not their first estate:

- *Genesis 6:2-4; Matthew 22:25-30; II Peter 2:4-5; Jude 1:6 Revelation 20:1-2*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What doctrines can be found in verse 1?
4. What is the greatest condemnation of false teachers in verse 4?
5. What was it that the people of Israel did not believe in verse 5?
6. How can we as believers contend for our faith?
7. What does the example of Michael teach us to do?
8. Which one of the men in verse 11 was worst? Why?
9. What does it mean "to walk after their ungodly lusts?"
10. What are some ways Apostates can shipwreck believers?
11. What evidence in Jude suggests that apostates are unsaved?
12. How can a church guard against damage from apostates?
13. Which attribute of God in verses 24-25 stands out to you ?