



Postcards from the Edge (Part 1): Jude

Jude 1:1-4 (NKJV): Salutation & Purpose

1 Jude, a bondservant [] of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

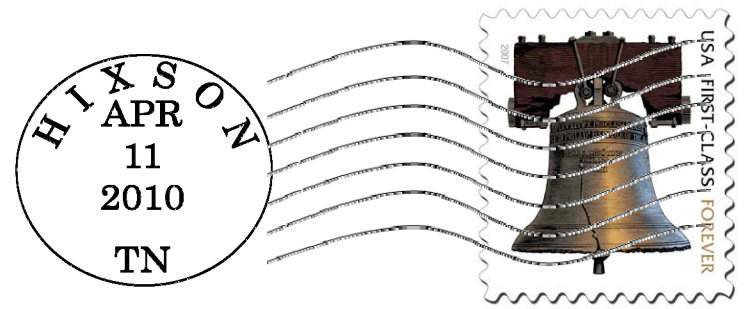
To those who are called [Which calling do you resonate with?], sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied [] to you. [Are they in your life?]

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common [belonging to] salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith [What do you protect in your home?] which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn [] the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEK 1 QUESTIONS:

1. Who is Jude and to whom is he writing?
2. When was the last time you got a handwritten postcard/letter?
3. What is the theme of **Jude**?
4. What other chapter in the Bible is similar to **Jude**?
5. Why did Jude write this postcard/letter?



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Jude 1:5-16 (NKJV): Pretenders

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

David Guzik: The final test of our Christianity is _____

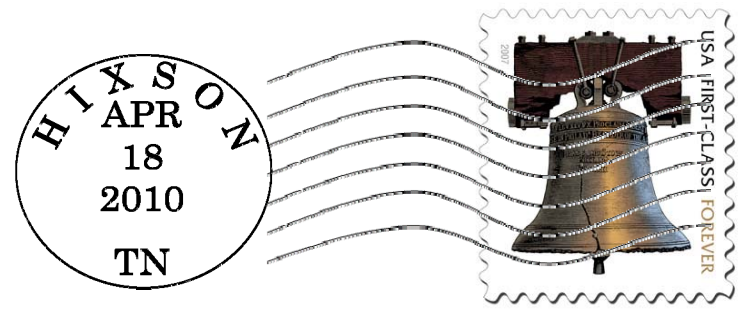
8 Likewise also these dreamers defile [] the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily [] in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

David Guzik: Apostasy is never confined to _____ group of people

12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving [] *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." Never confuse __ruth with __ruth

16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage.



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Homework (from John MacArthur):

Have you ever sided with the majority and later found out that they were wrong? . . . What do the majority of people do in each of these passages: 1 Kings 19:14, 18; Matthew 7:13-14; 27:20-26; John 6:66-69





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Jude 1:17-25 (NKJV): Contenders & Doxology

17 But you, beloved, remember [an _____] **the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:** [David Guzik: The word of God is always the answer to dangers in or out of the church] **18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual** [_____] **persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.**

Looking _____

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep [an _____] **yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**

Matthew Henry: Those who would persuade must make it evident that they sincerely love those whom they would persuade.

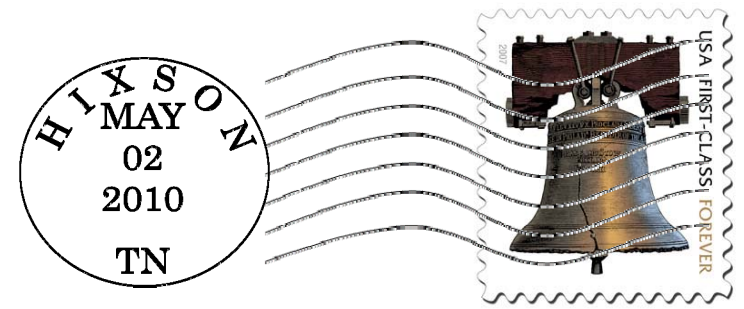
Looking _____

22 And on some have compassion [an _____], **making a distinction; 23 but others save** [an _____] **with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.**

How many of us are fearful of the effects of our sin?

Looking _____

**24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
And to present you faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
25 To God our Savior,
Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever. Amen.**



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