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INTRODUCTION
to the
BOOK OF JUDE

Many false teachers, known as apostates, had risen within the church and Jude felt it was critical that he deal with this issue. He defends the Christian faith against these alarming advances of a false gospel. Jude states in verse 4 that “certain men” had “secretly slipped into” the midst of his audience. Satan’s most crippling attacks come from those who claim to know and believe the truth, but lie. They pass themselves off as leaders of the church claiming to know Christ but actually reject Him. Jude’s letter condemns these false teachers and warns his readers of the danger.

The questions and answers in this study are not necessarily all-inclusive. Your discussions may bring up more information. Just remember to always verify your conclusions with Scripture.

Jude or Judas means “Jehovah leads”. Jude claims to be the brother of James. The logical connection would be the James who wrote the book of James. This James was a half brother of Jesus so Jude is also a half brother of Jesus. The first few questions will acquaint you with Jude.

1. From what tribe of Israel was the author of Jude? (Hint: Matthew 1:1-16)

ANSWER (Matthew 13:55)

Jude was a brother of Jesus and therefore came from the same tribe as Jesus. He is from the tribe of Judah.

2. Did Jude believe that Jesus was who He said He was prior to the resurrection?

ANSWER (John 7:5)

Jesus’ brothers did not believe in Him.

3. Was Jude married?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 9:5)

Scripture says that the Lord’s brothers were married. It does not single out any brothers not married so we can assume that Jude had a wife.

4. What is apostasy? (2Thessalonians 2:3 NAS)

ANSWER (Jeremiah 5:1-6; Hebrews 10:26-29)

A. Apostasy is a falling away from, backsliding, or an abandonment or breach of faith; a reinvented truth. It is a defiance of an established system or authority. It is a determined, willful rejection of Christ and His teachings. An apostate is a defector and false teacher. The falling away from Biblical doctrines can lead to a complete renunciation of the Christian Faith.

5. Who was the first apostate (defector or false teacher)?

ANSWER (Genesis 3:1-6)

The first apostate, defector or false teacher was Satan as he distorted and twisted God's Word in order to entice Eve to disobey God.

6. Who is the father of lies?

ANSWER (John 8:44)

Satan is the father of lies.

7. Is the father of lies still prowling around today?

ANSWER (1 Peter 5:8)

Satan is prowling, walking or roaming around today looking for people that he can seize upon, tear apart and devour.

8. What will happen to the father of lies?

ANSWER (Revelation 20:10)

The father of lies (Satan) will be tormented forever.

9. If someone distorts, misrepresents, casts a false light on or alters God's Word, what are they doing?

ANSWER (Romans 1:25)

Anyone who distorts, misrepresents, casts a false light on or alters God's Word is exchanging the truth of God for a lie. They are worshipping and serving created things rather than the Creator.

10. If someone is distorting God's Word, who are they following?

ANSWER (John 8:44)

Anyone who distorts God's Word is following Satan.

11. What will happen to those who distort God's Word?

ANSWER (2 Peter 2:1)

They will bring swift destruction upon themselves.

12a. Who was the false teacher or apostate in Jesus' chosen group of twelve? How does this explain the attitude of the current false teachers?

ANSWER (Acts 1:15-17)

The apostate among Jesus' chosen group was the Apostle Judas Iscariot. Judas spent almost three years with Jesus, witnessing all of Jesus' teachings and miracles, yet in the end, he was willing to betray Him for thirty pieces of silver. How could someone be that close to Jesus and yet grow so cold in his heart? Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss! Today's false teachers appear as if they are really interested in God and in His Word, but are only interested in themselves and personal gain. Just as Judas did, the false teachers of today follow their own greed, their own ambition, and their own wicked desires in betraying Christ with self-promotion. It is not so hard to understand the false teachers of today in light of Judas' Iscariot's role.

12b. What does "apostle" mean?

ANSWER (Bible dictionaries)

The word "apostle" means "messenger" or "sent one".

12c. What are the three kinds of Apostles (apostles)?

ANSWER

A. (1Thessalonians 2:6) These are the Apostles of Christ or those Apostles who have been appointed by God.

B. (2Corinthians 8:23) These are the apostles of the church. Missionaries would be included in this category.

C. (2Corinthians 11:13) These are the false apostles. They are deceitful workers, disguising and falsely representing themselves and masquerading as apostles of Christ.

12d. What are the distinctions of the Apostles of Christ?

ANSWER

A. (Luke 6:13; Galatians 1:1; 1Corinthians 12:28) Apostles are called by God.

B. (Acts 1:22) An Apostle had to have seen the risen Lord.

C. (Ephesians 2:19-20) Apostles were used by God for a limited time to establish the doctrinal foundation of the church.

D. (Ephesians 3:4-5; Peter) Apostles received Scripture from the Holy Spirit and proclaimed God's Word.

E. (Mark 16:20; 2Corinthians 12:12; 2Peter 2:2-3) Apostles had the gifts of "signs and wonders" to bring credibility to the message they proclaimed.

12e. Why is the office of Apostle of Christ closed today?

ANSWER

A. (Acts 1:22) No one sees the risen Lord today.

B. (Ephesians 2:19-20) The foundation was laid. It is only necessary to lay a foundation once.

C. (Proverbs 30:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Revelation 22:18) We are not to add anything to Scripture.

Note: There are no new Apostles mentioned in the Epistles. If Apostles were necessary in the church today at least one of the New Testament writers would have indicated that it was important. It is imperative to know that the office of "Apostle" is closed today and that there are no new "Apostles".

12f. Define Prophet.

ANSWER (Deuteronomy 18:17-19)

A Prophet is a person who spoke for God and communicated God's message.

12g. What kind of Prophets (prophets) are there?

ANSWER

A. (Exodus 7:1) Prophets of God.

B. (1Corinthians 12:10) Those in the church who have received the gift of prophecy. This gift today is the ability to communicate God's Word to us (Scripture i.e. that which is already given). There are no new prophecies.

C. (2Peter 2:1) False prophets.

12h. What are the distinctions of a Prophet?

ANSWER

A. (Exodus 7:1) Prophets are called by God.

B. (Numbers 11:29; 24:4) Prophets speak with the authority of the Holy Spirit.

C. (Jeremiah 23:16; Ezekiel 13:2) They faithfully proclaimed God's Word and not their own.

D. (Ephesians 2:19-20) They were used by God along with the Apostles to establish the doctrinal foundation of the church.

E. (Ephesians 3:5) They were God's spokesman to reveal the truth about what we are to believe and how we are to live.

F. (1Kings 13:3; 2Kings 23:15-16) They had to be 100% accurate all of the time or they were killed.

12i. What are other names Scripture uses for false prophets?

ANSWER

- A. (Matthew 24:40) A false prophet is a false Christ.
- B. (Matthew 26:60) A false prophet is a false witness.
- C. (2Corinthians 11:13) A false prophet is a false apostle.
- D. (2Corinthians 11:26) A false prophet is a false brother.
- E. (1Timothy 4:2) A false prophet is a false speaker. In another words, a liar.
- F. (2Peter 2:1) A false prophet is a false teacher.

12j. What can be said about false prophets?

ANSWER

- A. (Matthew 24:11) Jesus warned about false prophets.
- B. (Matthew 7:16) False prophets proclaim doctrines that do not agree with Biblical doctrine.
- C. (2Timothy 3:13) False prophets and prophecy will grow worse until Jesus returns.

12k. What should be our response to these false teachers?

ANSWER (Ezekiel 3:18-21)

- A. Warn the believers, that is, the church.
- B. Warn the unbelievers, that is, those outside of the church.

12l. Why do people not always recognize false apostles and false prophets?

ANSWER (Psalm 119:125)

People do not have Biblical discernment. They do not know biblical doctrine and do not understand the foundation laid by the Apostles and Prophets.

12m. What is the “gift of prophecy”?

ANSWER (Romans 12:6)

“The gift of prophecy” means someone has the ability of “speaking forth”.

12n. What is the difference between prophecy in the Old and New Testaments and prophecy today.

ANSWER (Revelation 22:18-19)

The Old and New Testaments both “speak forth” God’s Word. However, today there is no adding to the Word of God. Those people with the gift of prophecy today speak forth the Word of God as it is revealed to them from the Scriptures.

12o. What is the purpose of prophecy today?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 14:3)

The purpose of prophecy today is to encourage, strengthen, and comfort.

12p. How should the gift of prophecy be delivered today?

ANSWER (Ephesians 4:15)

The prophet should deliver the truth of God’s Word in the spirit of love.

12q. What was true of the Prophets involved in writing Scripture?

ANSWER (Deuteronomy 18:20-22)

Everything the Prophets said or wrote came from God. Therefore the message had to be true and could not come from another god or the Prophet would be a false prophet and would face certain death.

12r. Why is the office of Prophet closed today?

ANSWER

A. (Revelation 22:18-19) Scripture is closed. There is no more additional or new revelation from God.

B. (Hebrews 1:1) God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets, but now He speaks to us through Jesus.

NOTE: It is very important to know that the office of “Prophet” is closed today.

13. Given the name of the apostate close to Jesus, Judas Iscariot, why is it an interesting note that Jude wrote this book?

ANSWER

It is interesting that The Holy Spirit chose a man with the same name as the most infamous apostate to write an epistle on apostasy.

14a. Define exegesis.

ANSWER (Bible dictionary-Bible interpretations)

Exegesis is the process of studying Scripture by allowing it to interpret itself.

14b. Define eisegesis (isogesis).

ANSWER (Bible dictionary-Bible Interpretations)

Eisegesis is applying one's own personal feelings and opinions in interpreting Scripture.

14c. Which way is the correct way to interpret Scripture?

ANSWER

We must always allow a passage of Scripture be defined by its' content as well as the surrounding verses, in addition to what other verses in Scripture say. Scripture never contradicts itself. If we think it does, it is our interpretation that is in error. The Holy Spirit guides us as we learn what God is telling us. Adding our own opinions and feelings brings in false interpretations and heresies. Exegesis is the correct way to interpret Scripture. Eisegesis is often used by false teachers to bring forth their own agenda.

JUDE 1-3

1. Jude claims to be a servant (bond-servant, slave). Define these terms.

ANSWER

A servant is a person bound in servitude to another human being as an instrument of labor; one who is no longer free and has no rights; a person obligated to service without wages.

2. In verse 1 to whom was Jude a servant?

ANSWER

Jude was a servant of Jesus Christ.

3. To whom is Jude writing?

ANSWER (Romans 1:6-7)

Jude is writing to believers; to those who belong to Jesus; the saints, those who have been called, those who have been separated from the world because of their belief in Jesus Christ, those who believe that Jesus is their Lord and Savior.

4. Why did God choose to save people?

ANSWER (Verse 1; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:4-5)

God chose to save people because He loved them.

5. Is it possible for someone to lose their salvation?

ANSWER (Verse 1; John 10:28-29)

No one can lose their salvation. Jude says that they are kept or preserved by and for Jesus Christ. Jesus says that no one will snatch them out of His hand or His Father's hand.

6. What are the three blessings that Jude reminds his audience that they have received? (Verse 2)

ANSWER

A. (Mark 5:19) They have been blessed by receiving mercy.

B. (Luke 2:14) They have been blessed by receiving peace.

C. (1John 4:7-12) They have been blessed by receiving the love of God.

7. How much of these blessings have they received? (Verse 2)

ANSWER

They have received these blessings in abundance. These blessings have been multiplied to them.

8. What were Jude's feelings toward his audience? (Verse 3)

ANSWER

Jude called them "dear friends". He had a deep affection and love for these people and very much concerned for their spiritual well being and their commitment to God's truth.

9. What had Jude originally intended to write about? (Verse 3)

ANSWER

Jude originally was going to write about the blessings of salvation that they shared. He did not say specifically but it could have been any number of themes in relation to salvation.

10. What interrupted that writing? (Verse 3)

ANSWER

Jude wanted to warn his audience of the apostasy coming into the church. Jude says that he is urging his people to contend for the faith.

11. What does it mean to "contend for the faith"? (Verse 3)

ANSWER (2Timothy 4:7)

This stresses the importance of defending the truth on a continual basis. Jude wanted his audience to fight the good fight as if running a race. They must never give up.

12. What is the "faith"?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:23)

The "faith" is the Christian faith which is the gospel. Christ died for all the sins any Christian has committed or will commit, was buried and rose from the dead. Jesus paid the full price for the debt we have incurred because of our sins.

13. To whom was this "faith" given?

ANSWER (Verse 3)

This faith was given or delivered to the saints.

14. How was this “faith” given or delivered?

ANSWER (Romans 16:26; 2Timothy 3:16-17)

These prophetic writings were given by the command of God. This revelation to the writers of God’s Word was not by any mystical experience. “All Scripture is God breathed.” In other words, it is inspired by God.

15. How often does it have to be given or delivered?

ANSWER (Verse 3)

This truth was given or delivered to the saints once. It has been accomplished or completed and does not have to be revealed again.

16. Do believers need more revelation from God?

ANSWER

Believers do not need any more revelation from God. His Word is complete.

17. What must new revelation or doctrine be regarded as?

ANSWER (Revelation 22:18-19)

Any new revelation or doctrine that is not in God’s Word must be regarded as false.

18. What else is needed besides the Word of God in order to oppose the apostasy within the church?

ANSWER (2Timothy 3:16-17)

God’s Word is all that a believer needs to oppose the apostasy within the church. Every believer is thoroughly equipped with the Word of God.

19. What do those who manipulate and distort the truth invite upon themselves?

ANSWER (Galatians 1:9)

Those who manipulate and distort the truth invite eternal condemnation on themselves.

JUDE 4-7

1. Have the false teachers that Jude was referring to, already infiltrated into the church?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

Yes, the false teachers have already infiltrated the church. Jude says they “HAVE secretly slipped in among you”.

2. How did they get in?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

They got in secretly or unnoticed.

3. Are the false teachers in the church today?

ANSWER

Yes the false teachers are in the church today.

4. How did they get in?

ANSWER

They got in secretly or unnoticed.

5. Where do these false teachers appear today?

ANSWER (Verse 4; 2Peter 2:1; Acts 20:30)

These false teachers appear in the pulpit, on the internet, radio, or television. They teach in schools, colleges and seminaries. They write books, news articles or edit publications. They come in Christ’s name and claim their authority is from the Holy Spirit. But it is an untruth.

6a. What happens to churches when false teachers come in and twist the truth?

ANSWER (Acts 20:29-30; Galatians 1:6; 2:4; 3:3)

They will divide the flock and draw people to their side. People will desert what they know is the true gospel. People will try to achieve eternal life through human effort. The false teachers will entice the people to become slaves of Satan and sin.

6b. What should believers do to those who bring in false teachings and try to divide the church?

ANSWER (Romans 16:17)

Believers need to avoid them.

7. What is the destiny of these false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

These false teachers are destined to be condemned.

8. How long ago was their destiny determined?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

Their destiny was determined and written about long ago. It was marked out way beforehand.

9. Is their destiny alterable?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

Because their destiny was determined or marked out a long time ago, it is unalterable. The judgment is final.

10. Define “godless men” as James calls them. (Verse 4)

ANSWER (Matthew 23:25; 1Timothy 6:3-5; Titus 1:16)

These are men who claim to know God; they claim to speak the truth about Scripture; they claim to be spiritual leaders; but their actions show otherwise. Their behavior is detestable, disobedient, disloyal, rebellious, and useless to do anything good.

11a. What do these godless men do with the grace of God?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

They turn this grace into a license for immorality.

11b. What kind of immorality?

ANSWER (Galatians 5:19)

This immorality is sexual immorality, impurity, indecency and sensuality.

11c. What is their justification for this immorality?

ANSWER (Romans 6:1-2; Galatians 5:13)

They believe that to sin is not necessarily bad because the more sin, the more grace. Therefore they believe that since God has given grace to them, they are allowed to behave the way they want so they can display that grace.

12a. What is it that these godless men deny about Jesus Christ?

ANSWER (Verse 4; John 18:37; John 5:23; John 4:25-26; 2Peter 2:1)

They denied that Jesus was God, King, Messiah, Master, or Sovereign Lord.

12b. What does Jude mean by the term “Sovereign”? (Verse 4)

ANSWER

Jude is referring to the unlimited power of God who has complete control of all things past, present and future.

13. Why do they deny Jesus Christ?

ANSWER (Matthew 6:24)

They deny Jesus because these false teachers want to be their own masters and do not want to be slaves or bond-servants to anyone. They do not believe that God has control of their destiny.

14. Did Jude’s readers know the truth of the gospel?

ANSWER (Verse 5; 1John 2:20)

Yes, Jude writes that the readers, at this point, knew the truth.

15. What are the three groups of apostates that Jude refers to in verses 5-7?

ANSWER

- A. Israelites
- B. Angels
- C. Gentiles

16. What was Jude reminding his readers? (Verse 5)

ANSWER (Numbers 14:29)

Jude was reminding his readers that God delivered His people out of Egypt but then destroyed those who did not believe that He would do as promised. He destroyed those who had fallen from the faith.

17a. What does God do with those who have heard and witnessed His blessings and still fail to believe in Him? (Numbers 14:29; Matthew 11:20-24; Hebrews 3:7-12; 10:26-31)

ANSWER

God will judge, condemn, and destroy them.

17b. What will God do to the false teachers since they have heard and witnessed God's blessings but fail to believe in Him?

ANSWER (Matthew 25:41; 2Peter 3:7)

God will judge, condemn and destroy them.

18. What position of authority did the angels lose? (Verse 6)

ANSWER (2Peter 2:4)

These angels had enjoyed presence with God in heaven but lost that position due to their sinfulness.

19. Who are the "sons of God"?

ANSWER (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)

The sons of God are angels.

20. What home did these angels abandon? (Verse 6)

ANSWER (Genesis 6:1-4)

The angels abandoned their home in heaven and entered the bodies of humans, married the daughters of men and had children.

21. What provision of God did this violate?

ANSWER (Genesis 2:24)

God provided that marriage was between one man and one woman and they were to procreate. Angels were not created to cohabit with human women.

22. What did God do with these angels?

ANSWER (Verse 6; 2Peter 2:4)

God bound the angels and put them in darkness until judgment.

23. What does God do to those who rebel against Him?

ANSWER (Verse 5-6; Genesis 6:13; Revelation 12:9)

God will judge, condemn and destroy them.

24. What will God do to the false teachers since they have rebelled against Him?

ANSWER (Matthew 25:41; 2Peter 3:7)

God will judge, condemn and destroy them.

25. What did the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns do that was wrong?

ANSWER (Verse 7; Genesis 18:16-19:29)

The residents gave themselves up to sexual immorality. They sought sexual favors from God's angels.

26. What is God's standard for human sexuality?

ANSWER (Genesis 2:24; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27)

God designed marriage to be between one man and one woman. Homosexual behavior is detestable to God.

27. What does God do to those who deliberately violate His standards?

ANSWER (Verse 5-7)

God will judge, condemn and destroy them with the punishment in eternal fire.

28. What will God do to the false teachers that deliberately violate God's standards?

ANSWER (Matthew 25:41; 2Peter 3:7)

God will judge, condemn and destroy them.

29. The apostates are usually teachers or preachers. What does Scripture warn about these groups of people?

ANSWER (James 3:1)

Teachers and preachers will be judged more strictly than others. The severest eternal suffering will be given to those who know the Truth, reject it and lead others away from it. They will suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

JUDE 8-10

1. In what “very same way” do the false teachers act? (Verse 8)

ANSWER (Verse 5-7)

The false teachers act in the “very same way” that the Israelites, the fallen angels and the perverted residents of Sodom and Gomorrah acted.

2. What does the Old Testament warn about dreamers?

ANSWER (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Jeremiah 23:25-32)

God is against those who prophesy with false dreams because He did not appoint them as prophets. Many will report their dreams but those dreams are not from God.

3. What does Jude mean by “pollute their own bodies”? (Verse 8)

ANSWER (1Thessalonians 4:5; Galatians 5:19a; 2Peter 2:10)

To “pollute” means to contaminate or to corrupt. Jude uses this term to indicate a moral and physical pollution such as sexual immorality.

4. What does Jude mean by “reject authority”? (Verse 8)

ANSWER

To “reject authority” means that these people refuse to accept or even recognize any authority over them. Some translations say that they despise any superiority over them. They feel they are above any ruler.

5. What is the reality of their condition?

ANSWER (Matthew 23:27-28)

In reality these people appear to be righteous on the outside but are full of hypocrisy, lawlessness, iniquity and wickedness on the inside.

6. What is the reality of the condition of false teachers in the church today?

ANSWER (Matthew 23:27-28)

The condition of the false teachers in the church today is they appear righteous on the outside but are full of hypocrisy, lawlessness, iniquity and wickedness on the inside.

7a. What does Jude mean by “slander”? (Verse 8)

ANSWER

To “slander” is to speak evil, to use abusive language, to speak profanely, maliciously, or to utter damaging information about someone ruining their reputation.

7b. What does “blasphemy” mean?

ANSWER

“Blasphemy is the act of cursing, slandering, or showing lack of reverence for God.

8. Who are the “celestial beings”? (Verse 8)

ANSWER (Verse 9; 2Peter 2:10)

These celestial beings are angels.

9a. Where has God made man in relation to angels?

ANSWER (Psalm 8:4-5)

God has made man “a little lower than the angels”.

9b. Where have those who slander angels placed themselves?

ANSWER (Psalm 8:4-5)

They have placed themselves above the angels.

10. Who are those who slander the angels blaspheming?

ANSWER (Isaiah 37:23; Hebrews 1:14; 2Peter 2:10-12)

Since God made the angels and they are to minister to man, those who blaspheme the angels are blaspheming God.

11. Who are the false teachers today blaspheming when they slander the angels?

ANSWER

False teachers today are blaspheming God when they slander the angels.

12. What was the penalty for blaspheming God?

ANSWER (Leviticus 24:15-16)

The penalty for blaspheming God was death.

13. What behavior should Christians avoid?

ANSWER (1 Timothy 6:1)

Christians should avoid behavior that blasphemes God's name or slanders Christian teachings.

14. With whom does Jude contrast the behavior of the false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 9)

Jude contrasts the behavior of the false teachers with the archangel Michael when the angel was dealing with the body of Moses.

15a. Against whom did the archangel Michael refuse to bring a slanderous accusation?

ANSWER (Verse 9)

The archangel Michael refused to bring a slanderous accusation against Satan.

15b. Why not?

ANSWER (John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2)

Satan was the highest of the angels, the prince of this world, the god of this age, the ruler of the kingdom of the air and the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Satan was the highest created being. The archangel Michael would not slander even Satan.

15c. Did the archangel Michael know that God could give him power over Satan?

ANSWER (Revelation 12:7-9)

The archangel Michael knew that God could give him power over Satan because it will happen in the "end times".

15d. Why did the archangel Michael not act on the power that God could give him?

ANSWER (Luke 9:52-54)

He understood that he was not to act beyond the limits that God had set. The apostles were not allowed to call fire down on the Samaritan village even though they knew that Jesus could give them that power. Even though the archangel Michael knew that God could give him the power, he knew that he was not to use it unless God commanded it.

16. Who did the archangel Michael claim had the authority to deal with Satan?

ANSWER (Verse 9)

The archangel Michael said “the Lord rebuke you”. He knew that God had the authority to deal with Satan.

17a. Do some false teachers claim to have personal power over Satan and/or demonic spirits?

ANSWER (2Peter 2:9-12)

Yes, some false teachers claim to have personal power over Satan and/or demons.

17b. Do these false teachers actually have personal power over Satan?

ANSWER

No, these false teachers do not have power over Satan.

18. Who do we go to when we need help in defending ourselves against evil attacks?

ANSWER (1John 2:1)

We go to Jesus. He will go to the Father on our behalf. We allow God to deal with the evil according to His will.

19. What do the false teachers speak against?

ANSWER (Verse 10)

These false teachers speak against whatever it is they don't understand.

20. What does “to speak abusively” mean? (Verse 10)

ANSWER

“To speak abusively” means to speak evil of, to revile, to scoff at, to insult, or to sneer at.

21. Why do the false teachers speak abusively against whatever it is they do not understand?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 2:14)

The false teachers are without the Holy Spirit. They do not understand the things of the Spirit because it sounds like foolishness to them.

22. Why is it true that we understand the things of the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 2:12)

We understand because we have received the Spirit of God and accept what God has freely given to us.

23a. How do false teachers know what they know?

ANSWER (Verse 10)

The false teachers know what they know by instinct. They do not understand it.

23b. Define instinct.

ANSWER

Instinct is an unlearned behavior and a powerful motivation or impulse. It can be an urge, a desire or distinct feeling.

24. Why can't false teachers speak reasonably?

ANSWER (Verse 10)

The false teachers use their instincts just like animals do instead of reasoning. The geese in the northern part of the country know by instinct when to fly south for the winter. They do not understand it. They just do it. The false teachers have no understanding more than animals. They are ignorant of the truth.

25. What have the false teachers become?

ANSWER (Romans 1:22)

The false teachers have become fools even though they profess to be wise.

26. What will happen to these false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 10; 2Peter 2:12)

They will be destroyed.

27. What will destroy them?

ANSWER (2Kings 22:17; Matthew 7:22-23; 13:40-42; 2Peter 2:19b)

The belief in their own lies will bring judgment from God. They are slaves to their sin because their sin has mastered them.

JUDE 11-16

1. What does “woe” mean? (Verse 11)

ANSWER

“Woe” expresses calamity, sorrow, grief, dismay, or misfortune.

2. What will become of these false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 11)

Something horrible will happen.

3. False teachers have gone the way of Cain. Was Cain’s offering a religious one?

ANSWER (Genesis 4:3)

Yes, Cain’s offering was an offering to The Lord, therefore it was a religious offering.

4a. What was wrong with Cain’s offering?

ANSWER (Genesis 4:7)

Cain’s offering was offered with a wrong attitude. Cain was disobedient to God and his pride was hurt.

4b. What was Cain’s reaction to God’s correction?

ANSWER (1John 3:12)

Cain knew his actions were evil and Abel’s were righteous. He was jealous of Abel and his sacrifice.

5. What have false teachers done to go the way of Cain?

ANSWER

The false teachers make offerings in God’s name but do so with a bad attitude. They offer it in disobedience to God. They are proud and jealous.

6. What was Balaam’s interest?

ANSWER (Verse 11)

Balaam was interested in profiting from his ministry. He was full of envy and greed.

7a. What is the motive behind false teachers who follow into Balaam's error?

ANSWER (2Peter 2:15)

The motive of the false teachers is their love of "wages for wickedness". They promote what they do to get rich. They are full of envy and greed.

7b. What do false teachers do with God's Word?

ANSWER (2Corinthians 2:17)

They peddle God's Word for personal gain.

8. What was Korah's rebellion?

ANSWER (Numbers 16:1-3)

Korah rebelled against the authority God had given Moses. He wanted the power for himself.

9. What happened to the apostates in Korah's rebellion?

ANSWER (Numbers 16:32-35)

They and all their households and possessions were destroyed.

10. What was the size of Korah's following?

ANSWER (Numbers 16:41-50)

The plague that God sent killed 14,700 Israelites along with the families of Korah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 men. These people all were influenced by Korah and grumbled against Moses.

11a. What is the size of the following of some of today's false teachers?

ANSWER

Some of today's false teachers have a very large following. They want the power for themselves.

11b. What will happen to these false teachers?

ANSWER (Numbers 16:32-35; John 15:6)

These teachers will be destroyed.

11c. What will happen to those who follow them?

ANSWER (Numbers 16:41-50; John 15:6)

Those that follow the false teachers will be destroyed.

12. What is a love feast? (Verse 12)

ANSWER (1Corinthians 11:17-34; 2Peter 2:13)

The love feast was a sacred time of fellowship to share a meal and prepare one's heart for The Lord's Supper.

13. What is a blemish?

ANSWER

A blemish is a flaw, defect, imperfection, deficiency or fault. This could include being blind, lame, broken bones, or hunchback.

14. What were the limitations of those men who had blemishes?

ANSWER (Leviticus 21:16-23)

The man with any blemish could not serve as a priest.

15. Jude calls the false teachers blemishes. Some translations call them hidden reefs. What are the implications of this accusation?

ANSWER (1Timothy 1:19-20)

The false teachers were a danger to the fellowship of believers in the church. They infected the unsuspecting people with their lies and wickedness. They were like reefs hidden under the water that would destroy the bottom of a ship.

16. What does "qualm" mean? (Verse 12)

ANSWER

"Qualm" is a sensation of doubt, misgiving or uneasiness.

17. Why could these false teachers eat with believers "without the slightest qualm"?

ANSWER (1Timothy 4:2)

They can eat with believers without any doubt, misgiving or uneasiness because their consciences are withered, dried up, burned up or shriveled. They are hypocritical liars.

18. Who do the false teachers care about?

ANSWER (Verse 12; Ezekiel 34:2,8,10)

The false teachers who claim to be shepherds only care about themselves.

19. Why are false teachers compared to clouds without rain? (Verse 12)

ANSWER (Proverbs 25:14)

The false teachers boast of gifts but they do not give just as the empty clouds promise rain but do not produce it. They may look like they are filled with The Word of God, but they are empty.

20. What do the winds accomplish?

ANSWER

They carry the clouds away in whatever direction they go.

21. What happens to the false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 12; 2Peter 2:18)

They get moved around as if by the wind in any direction in order to entice a following. They mouth empty words with no spiritual substance to those people who are vulnerable to false teaching and leave them disappointed in the end.

22. What is the image of autumn trees without fruit? (Verse 12)

ANSWER (Isaiah 32:10)

The harvest in the fall will be barren.

23. Why are the false teachers called “twice dead”? (Verse 12)

ANSWER (Verse 12)

A. The false teachers do not bear fruit..

B. The false teachers are “uprooted”.

24. Why will the false teachers be uprooted?

ANSWER (Matthew 3:10; 15:13)

God The Father did not plant them and they are not “bearing fruit”; therefore they will be uprooted and thrown into the fire.

25. What are the false teachers compared to in verse 13a?

ANSWER

They are compared to wild waves of the sea.

26a. What symbolizes the sea in Scripture?

ANSWER (Daniel 7:2-3; Revelation 13:1)

Scripture uses the sea as a symbol of those who do not know God.

26b. What will happen to the sea?

ANSWER (Revelation 21:1)

The sea will be “no more” when the first heaven and the first earth have passed away.

27. Why are the false teachers compared to the wild waves of the sea?

ANSWER (Isaiah 57:20)

They are like the tossing sea which casts up “mire and mud”.

28a. Of what benefit is this mire and mud?

ANSWER

It is of no benefit whatsoever.

28b. Of what benefit is the talk and activity of the false teachers?

ANSWER

Their talk and activity is of no use whatsoever.

29. How do false teachers look at their actions that bring them shame?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 5:1-2; Philippians 3:19)

Some false teachers are proud of their sins. The greater the wickedness, the more pride they have. They are proud of the mud and filth that they bring out.

30. What does it mean to “foam up their shame”? (Verse 13)

ANSWER

Their attitudes and actions foam or froth up to display all of their deception, immorality and evil of every kind.

31a. What are the wandering stars as referred to in verse 13?

ANSWER

These wandering stars are something like a “shooting star” that flashes across the sky; they have no controlled movement or location.

31b. Where do these wandering stars go?

ANSWER (Verse 13)

These stars disappear forever into the darkness.

32. Where will the false teachers go?

ANSWER (Verse 13; 2Peter 2:17)

They will disappear forever into the blackest darkness and suffer for eternity.

33. Who was Enoch? (Verse 14)

ANSWER (Verse 14; Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-6)

Enoch was the seventh generation from Adam and the Jewish people considered him a prophet.

34. What happened to Enoch?

ANSWER (Genesis 5:24)

God took him; he was no more.

35. What are three certainties that Enoch prophesied about false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 14-15)

A. (Luke 12:40) The Lord will come.

B. (1Thessalonians 3:13) The Lord will not come alone.

C. (Revelation 20:11-15) The Lord will come to judge everyone and convict the ungodly.

36. What does “convict” mean?

ANSWER

“Convict” means to expose an error and prove guilty of an offense.

37a. Who will be proven guilty?

ANSWER (Verse 15)

The ungodly will be proven guilty.

37b. Who are the ungodly?

ANSWER (Verse 4)

All of the ungodly include the false teachers.

38. Of what will they be proven guilty?

ANSWER (Verse 15)

They will be proven guilty of “all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way” as well as “all the harsh words” they have spoken against the Lord.

FALSE TEACHERS

39a. List some characteristics of false teachers:

ANSWER (Verse 16)

- A. (Numbers 14:27; 1Corinthians 10:10) The false teachers are grumblers.
- B. (Numbers 14:27; Isaiah 40:27; Luke 5:30) The false teachers are complainers and faultfinders.
- C. (2Peter 2:10) The false teachers follow their own evil, fleshly desires.
- D. (2Peter 2:18) The false teachers boast about themselves.
- E. (Psalm 78:36) The false teachers flatter other people with a lying tongue to get what they want.
- F. (2Timothy 3:2-5) The false teachers are arrogant and self-righteous.
- G. (2Timothy 3:7; 4:4; 2Peter 2:2) The false teachers turn away from the truth.
- H. (Acts 20:30; Colossians 2:4) The false teachers take Scripture out of context to draw interest to themselves.
- I. (2Timothy 3:5) The false teachers claim to be godly but deny God's power.
- J. (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10) The false teachers worship angels which is forbidden in Scripture.
- K. (2Peter 2:20-22; Galatians 1:6-8) The false teachers have heard the Gospel but have rejected it. Judas Iscariot spent much time with Jesus but still rejected Him.
- L. (Matthew 12:43-45) The false teachers moralize their actions and words.
- M. (2Corinthians 11:3-4) The false teachers preach a different Jesus than the Jesus of the Bible. They claim that each individual must do something in addition to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- N. (Matthew 24:24) The false teachers perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect if that were possible. These signs, wonders and miracles will be so great, awesome and convincing that the false teachers would even fool Christians if that were possible. Satan and his followers will do their best to try to undermine Jesus' followers.

O. (1John 4:2-4) The false teachers deny that Jesus is God.

P1. (1Corinthians 14:33, 40; Galatians 5:22) The false teachers blaspheme the Holy Spirit. They promote uncontrollable laughter, being “slain in the spirit”, flopping on the floor, having an emotional high and other such nonsense. God is a God of order not of confusion and disorder. One of the gifts of the Spirit is self control.

P2. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER

- a. (John 16:8-11) The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin.
- b. (Romans 8:9) The Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering them to serve and glorify Jesus Christ.
- c. (Romans 8:14-16) The Holy Spirit gives us assurance of our salvation.
- d. (Romans 8:26) The Holy Spirit prays for us in communication with the Father in ways too deep for words.
- e. (2Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30) The Holy Spirit seals us until the day of redemption.
- f. (2Corinthians 3:18) The Holy Spirit conforms us to the image of Christ.
- g. (2Peter 1:19-21) The Holy Spirit inspired the writings of the Word of God.
- h. (1Corinthians 2:10-15) The Holy Spirit illuminates the truth of the Word of God in the hearts of God’s people. To change or ignore the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit inspired is to treat Him with disrespect.

P3. What does the Holy Spirit produce?

ANSWER (Galatians 5:22-23)

The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Q. (John 15:26; 16:14; Hebrews 12:2) The false teachers draw attention to the Holy Spirit, not to Jesus. They are Spirit-centered and not Christ-centered. Scripture states that the Holy Spirit will point people to Jesus not to Himself. To truly honor the Holy Spirit, our attention must be on Jesus Christ.

R. (Jeremiah 5:3; 8:6; 1Timothy 1:4; 2Timothy 2:16-19) The false teachers promise God’s blessing and acceptance without repentance. One must repent, that is, turn away from sin in order to be saved.

S. (Psalm 119:11) The false teachers discourage and ridicule the study of Scripture. We are to study God's word to build a closer relationship to Him.

T. (Acts 11:2; 2Corinthians 8:20) The false teachers criticize those who speak the Truth.

U. (2Peter 3:4) The false teachers laugh at the promise of Christ's return.

V. (John 2:18;1Corinthians 1:22) The false teachers make demands of God.

W. (John 10:11-13) The false teachers abandon the church when things get hectic.

X. (1Timothy 6:5, 10; Acts 8:20) The false teachers use their position for financial gain. Peter rebuked Simon for attempting to buy his salvation.

Y. (John 18:36) The false teachers believe in what is called "dominion theology". Dominion Theology is the belief that we are to work to bring in Jesus' Kingdom on earth now. Jesus said that His Kingdom is not of this earth.

Z. (Exodus 3:14; Psalm 82:6; Luke 21:7-8 KJV; John 10:34) The false teachers call themselves gods. They will often use the words "I AM" to indicate that they are gods. This is the name God used for Himself when talking to Moses. Jesus told the Pharisees they called themselves gods but were mere mortal men and would die.

AA. (Psalm 51:5; 1John1:8) The false teachers say they are good and not sinful.

BB. (John 19:10-11) The false teachers say that power comes from within themselves.

CC. (Romans 16:17-18) The false teachers want all religions to come together in unity.

DD. (Revelation 22:18) The false teachers add to Scripture.

EE. (Revelation 22:19) The false teachers often remove words, phrases or verses from Scripture.

FF. (1Timothy 4:1) The false teachers follow doctrines of demons.

GG. (Romans 1:25) The false teachers worship created things, such as the earth, rather than the creator.

HH. (Romans 1:21) The false teachers dishonor God, are thankless to Him, their thoughts about God are unproductive and useless, and their minds and hearts become darkened about God.

II. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22) The false teachers claim that giving wrong prophecy does not make them a false prophet, but an immature one. Scripture says Prophets are 100% correct.

JJ. (Psalm 135:6) The false teachers believe God has the power to do something but it is themselves who give God the permission to do it.

KK. (Isaiah 64:6) The false teachers say that God sees the “good” things that we do. Scripture says our righteous deeds are like filthy rags.

LL. (Matthew 4:4) The false teachers promote mysticism which is living and making decisions from hunches, gut feelings, or something they sense outside of the Word of God. Scripture says that man lives on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

MM. (Matthew 17:20-21; 1John 5:14-15) The false teachers say that we can pray what we want into existence, but Scripture says that God will do it if it is His will. We pray and have faith that God can do things that to us are impossible. We have faith that God will do what He knows is best for us.

NN. (Matthew 6:7) The false teachers recite the same prayer over and over again thinking those prayers are only answered by repeating them again and again.

OO. (Ezekiel 13:17; Isaiah 65:2) The false teachers use their own imagination to physically see, hear and talk to the Lord. The word “imagination” is always used in a negative or evil light in Scripture. Scripture never tells us to use our imagination to physically see and hear from the Lord.

PP. (1Timothy 4:2) The false teachers become comfortable with their lies. Their consciences have been destroyed. They feel no guilt or remorse.

QQ. (Isaiah 5:20; Malachi 2:17) The false teachers call evil good and good evil.

RR. (Romans 8:5) The false teachers believe that we are a product of our environment, not our sinful nature.

SS. (Romans 2:15) The false teachers tell us to ignore our conscience. Scripture tells us that our conscience tells us what is right and wrong.

TT. (John 20:11-16, 19-20; Acts 1:9-11; 2Corinthians 5:6-8) The false teachers tell their audience to visualize Jesus and He will appear to them. Jesus did not appear to these people in Scripture because they were visualizing Him. They were actually in a state of panic when Jesus came to them. After Jesus’ ascension, He appeared only to Saul (Paul). The disciples were told by the two angels that Jesus would come again in the same way He had left them. Paul says that we walk by faith not by sight.

UU. (Matthew 12:24) The false teachers are doing the opposite of the religious leaders of Jesus' day. The leaders at that time attributed the work of the Spirit to Satan. Apostates today are attributing the work of Satan to the Holy Spirit.

VV. (Isaiah 53:5; 1Peter 2:24) The false teachers say sickness is spiritual and we have the power to get rid of illness. Sickness and disease are physical. Scripture talks about healing in the spiritual sense. Jesus took the wrath of God upon Himself to heal us from our sins.

WW. (Jeremiah 29:11) The false teachers claim that God has promised us financial wealth. This is known as the prosperity gospel.

XX. (1John 4:2-3) The false teachers say that Jesus did not have a human body. Scripture says that those people who claim this are not from God.

YY. (Isaiah 56:11; Jeremiah 6:13) The false teachers are motivated by greed.

ZZ. (Matthew 7:13-14) The false teachers lead people through the gate that is wide and leads to destruction.

AAA. (Matthew 7:15) The false teachers are ferocious, ravenous, devouring wolves.

BBB. (1John 2:15-17) The false teachers cling to worldly ideas.

CCC. (Psalm 119:105; Luke 1:4; 2Peter 1:19; 1John 2:21) The false teachers claim that the meaning of Scripture is beyond our understanding. What they are doing is accusing God of not being able to clearly reveal Himself and His truth to us.

DDD. (1John 1:6a) The false teachers walk in darkness.

EEE. (1John 1:10) The false teachers claim they have never sinned. By saying this they are claiming that God is lying when He said we have all sinned.

FFF. (Hebrews 6:4-6) The false teachers claim that one can lose his or her salvation.

GGG. (1Peter 3:18-20) The false teachers say that Jesus had to spend time in hell to finish paying for sin. Jesus' death on the cross completed His payment for our sins. Jesus went to Sheol or Hades to proclaim His victory over Satan.

HHH. (1Corinthians 14:37-38) The false teachers do not recognize or acknowledge that Paul (and other apostles) taught the truths or commandments of God.

III. (Other characteristics that you recognize)

39b. What is the only reliable way to test any teaching or doctrine?

ANSWER (Isaiah 8:20)

The only reliable way to test any teaching or doctrine is to measure it against God's infallible Word.

39c. What will happen if you do not discern the teachings you hear or read?

ANSWER (Ephesians 4:14; Luke 6:39)

You will be "tossed around by the waves, blown around by every wind of teaching or doctrine and by the cunning craftiness and trickery of unscrupulous men in their deceitful scheming" to mislead you. Both you and the false teacher will fall into the pit which is eternal damnation.

39d. How will you be able to identify false teachers?

ANSWER (Matthew 7:16)

We will be able to identify false teachers by their fruit.

39e. How do you know if the teachings of the modern day movements represent the work of The Holy Spirit?

ANSWER (1John 4:1; Proverbs 17:3)

We must test the spirits to see if they are from God. Just as gold and silver are tested to make sure that they are the "real thing"; then, refined to remove that which is worthless, so we must evaluate teachings in order to remove that which is false. These false teachings are spiritual fool's gold. We must compare them to the Truth, which is The Word of God.

39f. How do we do this? What questions should we ask of all teachings?

ANSWER

A. (1John 4:2-3) Does this doctrine teach about the Jesus of the Bible? (Jesus came in the flesh, was sent by God and is God incarnate. Jesus died a substitutional death for the sins of other men.)

B. (1John 4:4-5) Does this doctrine speak from a worldly viewpoint or a Biblical viewpoint?

C. (1John 4:6; John 17:17) Does this doctrine promote the Scripture as the true Word of God?

D. (1John 4:6) Does this doctrine speak the truth or does it promote confusion and falsehoods?

E. (1John 4:7-8) Does this doctrine promote the love of God and the love of others? A work of the Holy Spirit will cause people to increase their love for God and other people.

Definitions of Some False Doctrines

NOTE: These are all false doctrines or lead one to false beliefs:

Gnosticism: A system of false teaching and comes from the Greek word for knowledge. The Gnostics believe that knowledge is the way to salvation. They believe that salvation is not gained exclusively through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, but that truth could be gotten through mystical experiences and practices. Gnosticism also elevated women to a role of savior of mankind. Gnostics also felt that they were superior to those who did not have their knowledge.

Docetism: The belief that Jesus did not have a human body and only appeared to have died on the cross.

Postmodernism: The belief that truth and reality are created by man not by God. Something is true “if it works for you”. This is a very dominant worldview in America today.

Social Justice: Social justice promotes the redistribution of income in the name of “the common good”.

Sustainable Development: The method to organize a one world governing body. This system promotes abortion, population control, welfare, socialized medicine and social justice. It eliminates parental authority and religious liberty.

Ecumenism: A movement seeking to achieve worldwide unity among religions through greater cooperation and improved understanding.

Ecumenicalism: The merging of various religions in spiritual or theological issues to accomplish certain spiritual objectives.

Replacement Theology: The belief that the Church has replaced Israel in the New Testament.

Contemplative Prayer: Also known as “breath prayers”, “soaking prayers”, “centering prayers” or “transcendental meditation”. This is a process whereby a person becomes still and attempts to hear the voice of God. (God speaks to us through His Word, not through occult practices.)

Pluralism: The belief that all religions are equal.

Universalism: The belief that all roads lead to God.

Seeker Sensitive Church: The attempt by the church to attract people by making the church as comfortable, inviting and non-threatening as possible.

Existentialism: The belief that there is no absolute truth.

The Emergent Church: The belief that as culture changes, the church should change in response. This church puts experience over reason, feelings over truth and leads to a very liberal, loose translation of the Bible.

The New Apostolic Reformation: The belief that God has restored apostles and prophets to lead the church. The apostles will receive greater and greater supernatural powers and will be able to perform healings and suspend the law of physics. The prophets will receive new revelations.

Word of Faith Movement: The belief that one can “name it and claim it”. It is believed that words can be used to manipulate their lives and actually create what they believe Scripture promises, which is health and wealth.

The Holiness Movement Church: The belief that a person can achieve perfect holiness or sinless perfection while on earth.

40. Do we need to expose false teachers?

ANSWER (2Timothy 1:15; 2:17; 3:8; 4:10, 14; Ephesians 5:11)

Yes, Paul exposed false teachers as an example for us to follow.

41. Are we to destroy the arguments of the false teachers?

ANSWER (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Yes, we are to destroy their arguments.

42. What do we use to destroy their arguments?

ANSWER (Ephesians 6:17)

We are to use “The Sword of the Spirit” to destroy their arguments. “The Sword of the Spirit” is the Word of God. We need to use Scripture to show the error of their arguments.

43. Should we partner with false teachers if we are “just praying”?

ANSWER (2Corinthians 6:14; 2John 9-11)

We are not to partner with any false teachers just to pray.

Note: These false teachers are very prevalent today. Learn to identify them and then avoid them. Ask these questions of the teacher: What do they say about Jesus? Do they preach the gospel? Do they exhibit character qualities that glorify God?

JUDE 17-23

1. Had Jude's audience been given warnings before about false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 17)

Yes Jude tells them to "remember". They have been told before.

2. Who told Jude's audience?

ANSWER

A. (Verse 17) They were told by the apostles.

B. (Matthew 7:15) Jesus warned of wolves in sheep's clothing

3. When did Jesus and the apostles say this would occur?

ANSWER (Verse 18)

They said this would happen "in the last times".

4. When are "the last times"?

ANSWER (2Timothy 3:1; Hebrews 1:2; 1Peter 1:5)

"The last times" is the time between the first coming of Jesus Christ and His second coming.

5. Who were the apostles warning of about their coming?

ANSWER (Verse 18)

The apostles warned that scoffers and mockers were coming.

6. What would these scoffers and mockers follow?

ANSWER (Verse 15, 16, 18; 2Peter 3:3)

These scoffers and mockers would follow their own ungodly and evil desires.

7. What will these scoffers and mockers do to the church?

ANSWER (Verse 19)

The scoffers and mockers will divide the people in the church.

8. Why do these scoffers and mockers use their natural instincts?

ANSWER (1Corinthians 2:14)

These scoffers and mockers use their natural instincts and are worldly-minded because they do not understand the things of the Spirit.

9. Why do these scoffers and mockers not understand the things of the Spirit?

ANSWER (Verse 19; Romans 8:9; 1Corinthians 2:14)

These scoffers and mockers do not have the Spirit of Christ, therefore they do not belong to Christ. These scoffers and mockers are unsaved.

10. What must we do?

ANSWER (Verse 20-21)

A. (1Thessalonians 5:11) We must build ourselves up in our faith.

B. (Ephesians 6:18) We must pray in the Holy Spirit.

C. (1John 4:16) We must guard and keep ourselves in God's love.

D. (1Corinthians 1:7) We must wait anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11. How do we do these things?

ANSWER (Proverbs 2:2-3; 23:23b; 1Corinthians 16:13)

We must ask for insight, understanding, wisdom and discernment. We must be on our guard.

12. Why do we need to ask for these things?

ANSWER (Verse 4; Matthew 7:15)

Certain men have secretly crept in among us. These men are wolves in sheep's clothing.

13. What are we waiting for? (Verse 21)

ANSWER (Hebrews 9:28)

We are waiting for Christ to come back to bring salvation.

14. What will the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ bring?

ANSWER (Verse 21; 2Peter 3:13)

His mercy will bring us to eternal life where we will enjoy a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

15. Why do some people have doubts? (Verse 22)

ANSWER (2Corinthians 11:3)

They have been led astray by false teachers.

16. How do we deal with those people who have doubts?

ANSWER (Verse 22; Hebrews 3:13; James 5:19-20)

We are to be merciful to them. We are to have compassion on them. We are to encourage them. We are to bring them to the Truth.

17. Who are those in the fire? (Verse 23a)

ANSWER (Zechariah 3:2-5; 1Corinthians 3:15)

These are people who are convinced the false teachers are correct.

18. What does the fire represent?

ANSWER (Isaiah 33:14)

The fire is a foreshadowing of hell.

19. How do we deal with those in the fire?

ANSWER (Verse 22a)

We must snatch them out of the fire.

20. How do we snatch them out of the fire?

ANSWER (Matthew 12:1-37; 2Corinthians 10:3-5)

This can be done only by God's power. We need to warn people of the gravity of their situation just as Jesus did.

21. Who are those that we should show mercy mixed with fear? (Verse 23b)

ANSWER (Matthew 10:16)

These are false teachers who are deeply committed to their beliefs.

22. Why do we need to mix our concern with fear?

ANSWER (Matthew 16:6, 12; 1Corinthians 5:6-7; 15:33; Galatians 5:7-9)

Just as a little bit of yeast spreads through the whole batch of dough so does their teaching corrupt and contaminate those who come in contact with it.

23. What should we hate? (Verse 23b)

ANSWER

We should hate the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

24. Should we hate the false teachers?

ANSWER (Verse 23b)

No, we need to show them mercy.

25. What does the clothing stained by corrupted flesh represent? (Verse 23)

ANSWER (Zechariah 3:2-4)

The clothing is like filthy undergarments and represents sin. Just like filthy undergarments no one wants to touch sin because it is corruptible or polluted.

JUDE 24-25

1. What does “able” mean?

ANSWER

“Able” means to have sufficient ability or resources to do something.

2. What does “keep” mean?

ANSWER (Matthew 9:17; Luke 2:8; John 17:11; Philippians 4:7)

“Keep” means to preserve, protect, guard or watch over.

3a. What does “falling” mean? (Verse 24)

ANSWER

“Falling” means stumbling or slipping.

3b. What would we fall into?

ANSWER (Luke 21:8)

We would fall into the deception of the false teachers.

4. Who is able to keep you from falling?

ANSWER (Hebrews 7:24-25; 2Peter 1:3)

Jesus is able to keep us from falling. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.

5. How long will He keep us from falling?

ANSWER (1 Corinthians 1:8-9)

He will keep us until the end.

6. Can we keep ourselves from falling?

ANSWER

No, we can not keep ourselves from falling.

7. What is the “glorious presence”? (Verse 24)

ANSWER (2Corinthians 4:14)

The “glorious presence” is the presence in front of God.

8. How are we presented to God?

ANSWER (Verse 24)

We are presented without fault.

9a. Why are we presented to God without fault?

ANSWER (Verse 24; Romans 5:6; Colossians 1:22)

When we were powerless, Christ died for us. He has reconciled us through His death and resurrection and presents us without blemish and free of any accusation.

9b. Can Jesus present us to The Father if we are not without fault?

ANSWER

No, we can not enter the glorious presence of God if we are not without fault.

10a. What is Jesus attitude in His presentation of us to His Father?

ANSWER (Verse 24)

Jesus presents us to the Father with an unspeakable ecstatic delight; in triumphant joy and exaltation.

10b. What will we experience when we are presented to God?

ANSWER

We will experience great joy.

11. How many Gods are there?

ANSWER (Verse 25; John 5:44)

God is the one and only God.

12a. Who can accomplish the work of a Savior?

ANSWER (Verse 25)

Only God can accomplish the work of a Savior.

12b. How does He accomplish this work?

ANSWER (Verse 25)

He accomplishes it through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13. What does Jude credit to Jesus?

ANSWER (Verse 25)

A. (Matthew 25:31) Jesus has been given great glory.

B. (2Peter 1:16) Jesus has been given majesty.

C. (Ephesians 6:10) Jesus has been given mighty power.

D. (Luke 5:24) Jesus has been given the authority to forgive sins.

14. How long does this divine standing last?

ANSWER (Verse 25)

This divine power and authority of Jesus encompasses before all ages, now and forevermore. That is the past, the present, and the future.

SUMMARY

1. Do you have your guard up for any false teachers?
2. Do you recognize apostasy and apostate teachers?
3. Do you know and understand why apostate teaching is so deadly?
4. Do you know a preacher who claims that signs and wonders are necessary?