

Getting Started

Jude 1-2

1. Who From? - a man who had changed his opinion of Jesus, v1

- **previously sceptical**
Mark 3.20-21; John 7.2-5
- **Jesus now his only Lord**
- Jude, Christ's servant

2. Who For? – the most privileged people in the world, v1

- **called by God**
- **loved “in” God**
- **kept by/in/for Jesus Rev 21.3**
- our guardian, safe box,
inheritance Eph 1.11; 1 Pet 1.4

3. What About? – make sure you maximise your blessings! v2

- **mercy, peace, love - in abundance!**

Defend the Faith !

Jude 3-4

Jude: *he wanted to write, had to write because of his love v3,17,20*

1. Christian Faith is about Salvation

- *it's why Jesus came Lk 2.11; John 3.17; Mat 1.21; 1 Tim 1.15*
- *our salvation is great!*
 - past – from penalty of sin*
 - present – from power of sin*
 - future – from presence of sin*
- *what we've been saved from*
 - condemnation v4; destruction v5;*
 - darkness, judgement v6,13-15;*
 - punishment v7; Rom 6.23*
- *what we've been saved for*
 - God's glorious presence v24*
 - to display his grace Eph 2.4-9*

2. Salvation is a Shared Experience

- **social as well as individual**
personal and communal
believing and belonging

3. The Faith is worth Fighting For

- **a wrestling match Col 1.29; 4.12**
we mustn't give in, or give up
beware of false 'tolerance'
Titus 1.9-16
- **The Gospel: a sacred trust**
Gal 1.11-12; 1 Cor 15.1-3;
to be guarded well
1 Tim 6.20; 2 Tim 1.13-14; 2.2
- **The Gospel: a closed body of truth**
no changes needed or allowed
Rev 22.18-19; Heb 1.1-3
- **The Gospel: always under attack**
from the inside Acts 20.27-31
by secretive, godless, fakes
Gal 2.4; Rom 2.4; 8.9; Mat 7.20