

*“The Common Salvation”*  
*Jude 3*

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Head Back In Our Bibles To:
  - The Letter Of Jude!
    - Where We Began A New Series Through This Brief Letter Just A Few Weeks Ago!
  - In Verse 1:
    - We Were Introduced To Jude Simply As:
      - “The Servant Of Jesus Christ, And Brother Of James!”
    - Once A Skeptic Of Jesus:
      - Jude Became A Servant Of Jesus:
        - And God Had A Special Mission For Jude In This Letter!
    - He Was Writing To:
      - “Them That Are Sanctified By God The Father, And Preserved In Jesus Christ, And Called!”
  - And In Verse 2:
    - Jude Prays For Them!
      - He Prays - “Mercy Unto You, And Peace, And Love, Be Multiplied!”
        - Three Great Gifts That Are Available To Every One Who Belongs To Jesus!
2. This Morning - We Come To Verse 3:
  - Where Jude Gets Right To The Reason For His Letter:
    - He Tells Us All - “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints!”
  - In This Verse:
    - We Find The Great Reason For This Letter:
      - “That Ye Should Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
    - Christians Need To Be Ready To Defend:
      - Their Faith & Their Belief In The Lord Jesus Christ!
        - Not With Our Hands / But Through Our Lives & Our Words!
    - Peter Tells Us To Do The Same Thing When He Writes:
      - “Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear!” (1 Peter 3:15)
    - And The Throughout The Rest Of The Letter:
      - Jude Tells Us Why!
3. But This Morning:
  - I Would Like For Us To Look At The First Part Of Verse 3:
    - And What It Means When Jude Writes:
      - “Beloved, When I Gave All Diligence To Write Unto You Of The Common Salvation!”
    - It Appears From These Words:
      - That, At First, Jude Had Other Plans For His Letter!
  - At First - When Jude Put His Pen To His Paper:
    - He Wanted To Share With Us:
      - More About “The Common Salvation” That All True Christians Have!
    - It Might Have Been A Letter:
      - Like The Book Of Romans!
        - That Examines All Of The Wonderful Details Of The Gospel – The Good News Of Jesus Christ!
  - But The Holy Spirit:
    - Had Other Plans For Jude In This Letter!
      - And Jude Realized - “It Was Needful – To Write & Exhort – To Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
    - So This Letter Is Not Primarily About:
      - The Content Of Our Faith:
        - Though There Is Still Much About Our Faith In This Letter!
      - But It Is About The Defense Of Our Faith:
        - Because There Are So Many Who Want To Destroy The Truths Of The Gospel!
4. But Why Did The Holy Spirit:

- Include This Little Tid-Bit Of Information:
  - About Jude Wanting To Write A Different Kind Of Letter?
- I Believe It Was To Show To Us All:
  - The Heart Of Jude:
    - As A Servant Of Jesus Christ!
  - Jude Had A Heart:
    - For The Gospel!
  - Because The Gospel:
    - Is So Valuable And Precious!
      - Peter Describes It As Our “Like Precious Faith!” (2 Peter 1:1)
  - So - Not Only Is The Gospel Worth Believing:
    - It Is Also Worth Defending With All Of Your Heart!
- So Let’s Look More Closely At The Heart Of Jude:
  - And See Kind Of Heart We Need Toward The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!

\* First - Jude Had:

**1. A Great Focus On The Gospel!**

- We See This Great Focus:
  - When He Says: “Beloved, When I Gave All Diligence To Write Unto You!”
    - All Throughout This Letter - His Mind & His Heart Is On One Theme:
      - The Gospel! “The Common Salvation!”
        - This Is:
  - Seen In His Desire!
    - This Was What Initially Motivated Him:
      - To Write A Letter!
    - He Wanted Us To Know:
      - What He Knew!
    - He Wanted Us To Believe:
      - What He Believed!
    - He Wanted Us To Love:
      - What He Loved! And Who He Loved & Served!
    - This Is Likely Why:
      - He Pulled Out That Piece Of Paper / Valuable Papyrus On Which To Write! **IE:** Not Common!
    - His Desire Was Like The Apostle Paul’s In:
      - 1 Corinthians 2:2 - “For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified!”
        - But His Focus Is Also:
  - Seen In His Diligence!
    - He Writes - “When I Gave All Diligence To Write!”
      - **IE:** Most Of Us Don’t Really Know The Work / Effort / Diligence It Takes To Write!
    - To Gather Your Thoughts:
      - As Well As Other Resources!
        - To Organize Those Thoughts & Then To Write Or Type Them Out!
      - In School There Were:
        - Outlines & Rough Drafts & A Final Draft!
        - **IE:** And Lots Of Pieces Of Crumpled Paper In Between!
    - Jude Had Been Diligently Preparing To Write A Letter:
      - About “The Common Faith!”
        - Because It Was Something Near & Dear To His Heart!
  - Jude Had A Great Focus On The Gospel!
    - And He Was Ready To Write About It!
      - Do We Have That Same Focus In Our Hearts?
    - The Truths Of The Gospel:
      - Must Never Grow Old To Us!
    - May We Always Be Able To Sing - “I love to tell the story; ’tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!”
      - May The Gospel Always Be The Focus Of Our Hearts – As It Was For Jude’s!

\* We Also See In This Verse - That Jude Had:

2. ***A Great Fellowship In The Gospel!***

- We See This Great Fellowship:
  - When He Calls It - "The Common Salvation!"
    - The Word "Common" Here Does Not Mean:
      - **IE:** "Common" Like The Rocks In The Rocky Mountains!
    - The Word "Common" Here Means Something That Belongs To Them All!
  - Even Though Every Person Is Different:
    - And May Have A Different Background:
      - And Even Have Different Circumstances That Led Them To Jesus Christ!
    - Yet, When It Comes To The Gospel, There Are Some Things That Are Common To Us All!
      - And This "Common Salvation" Is What Unites Us Together For True Fellowship!
- We Have A Common Need!
  - We All Need "Salvation!"
    - This Is What Every Person Must Realize Before They Can Enjoy The Fellowship Of The Gospel!
  - The Apostle Paul Put It This Way In:
    - 1 Timothy 1:15 - "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief!"
  - We All Need "Salvation":
    - Because We Are All Sinners!
      - Including The Apostle Paul!
  - And "Sin Is The Transgression Of The Law!"
    - God's Law!
      - Our Lies Are Sins!
      - Our Lusts Are Sins!
      - Our Disobedience Is Sin!
      - And Even Our Disbelief Is Sin!
  - And We All Need "Salvation!"
    - Even As Jude Did!
- We Have A Common Solution!
  - We All Need A Savior!
    - But There Is Only One Savior Who Can Solve Our Sin Problem – The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - Acts 4:12 - "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!"
    - In Acts 16:30-31 - When The Philippian Jailor Understood His Own Need For Salvation, He Pleaded With Paul & Silas - "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? / And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved!"
  - Why Do We Need To Believe In The Lord Jesus?
    - Because "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; / And He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures!"
  - This Is How "Salvation" Becomes "Common":
    - And Can Belong To You As Well!
    - For When You Turn From Your Sin & Turn To The Savior!
      - You Are No Longer Lost:
        - Because Jesus Found You!
      - You Are No Longer In Darkness:
        - Because Jesus Is Your Light!
      - You Are No Longer Blind:
        - Because Jesus Gave You Sight!
      - You Are No Longer In Bondage:
        - Because Jesus Made You Free!
  - We All Need Jesus As Our Savior!
    - Even As Jude Did! Then:
- We Have A Common Bond!
  - At The Beginning Of Verse 3, Jude Calls All Of His Readers:
    - "Beloved!"
      - And This Would Include Us, If We Have Jesus As Our Savior!
  - When We Have Jesus As Our Common Savior:

- We Can Then Enjoy This Common Bond:
  - Love! True Love!
- Not The Kind Of Love That Wants To Always “Get”:
- But The Kind Of Love That Wants Always To “Give!”
- What A “Common Salvation” We Have!
  - It Can Belong To Us All!
    - And Jude Understood Just How Precious & Valuable This “Common Salvation” Was!
      - The Fellowship That Is Only Possible Through The Gospel Was Deep In Jude’s Heart!
  - And This Alone Is What Will Unite Us Together:
    - For True Fellowship As Christians & As A Church!

\* We Also Can See From This Verse Our Need For:

### 3. ***A Great Foundation On The Gospel!***

- “Salvation!”
  - Such A Simple Yet Powerful Word!
    - God Promises “Salvation” To All Those Who Come To Him By Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - And Jude Had A Heart For Us To Grow:
    - In Our Own Understanding About:
      - The Gospel & Our Salvation!
  - He Did Not End Up Writing Much About:
    - The Content Of Our Salvation!
    - God Has Given Us The Rest Of Scripture:
      - To Learn Even More About Our “Great Salvation!”
  - Some Describe Our Salvation As:
    - A “Four-Fold” Salvation!
      - This Is What We Need!
        - And This Is What Jesus Alone Can Provide!
- Salvation From The Penalty Of Our Sin!
  - When You Trust In Jesus Christ As Your Savior:
    - He Saves You From The Penalty Of Your Sin!
  - Romans 8:1 - “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit!”
    - Jesus Is The Only Way:
      - For You To Escape The Penalty / Punishment For Your Sin!
- Salvation From The Power Of Our Sin!
  - When You Trust In Jesus Christ As Your Savior:
    - He Will Save You From The Power Of Your Sin!
      - And Sin Is A Very Powerful Thing!
  - Romans 7:24-25 - “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? / I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”
    - Jesus Is The Only One:
      - Who Can Help You When You Are Struggling With The Power Of Your Sin!
- Salvation From The Presence Of Our Sin!
  - When You Trust In Jesus Christ As Your Savior:
    - He Will Save You From The Very Presence Of Your Sin!
  - And We Have Hope That Some Day:
    - Sin Will No Longer Affect Us In Any Way!
      - Our Own Sin! Others Sin!
  - 1 John 3:2-3 - “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. / And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure!”
    - Jesus Is The Only One:
      - Who Can Give You The Hope Of A Future Without Sin!
- Salvation From The Pleasure Of Our Sin!
  - When You Trust In Jesus Christ as Your Savior:
    - He Will Save You From What Seems To Be Pleasure In Sin!
  - There Is, According To The Bible:
    - “Pleasures Of Sin For A Season!” (Hebrews 11:25)

- But Only Through The Lord Jesus Christ:
  - Do You Find The Promise Of Psalm 16:11 - "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore!"
- Jesus Is The Only One:
  - Who Can Give You A Pleasure That Will Last Forever!
- This Is The Salvation:
  - That Was On Jude's Heart!
  - Have You Received This Salvation:
    - In Your Own Heart And Life?
  - This Is The Only Foundation For Your Life:
    - That Will Never Crack & Will Never Tumble!

\* But We Can Also Learn From This Verse:

**4. *A Great Following Through The Gospel!***

- When Jude First Thought About Writing This Letter:
  - He Thought It Was Going To Be An In-Depth:
    - Treatment On The Great Doctrines Of Salvation!
  - But God Wanted Him To Write Something Else:
    - The Lord Showed Him That: "It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints!"
  - And So He Wrote:
    - But Still From His Heart!
    - Because Something As Valuable & Precious As The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Is Worth Defending!
- Following The Will Of God!
  - This Is What Happens To Someone:
    - Who Has Received "The Common Salvation!"
  - Your Desire Is No Longer Simply To Do Your Own Will:
    - But To Do The Will Of Your Savior:
      - As His Servant!
  - Is This The Desire Of Your Heart?
    - To Follow After God's Will?
      - To Learn To Align Your Will With His?
  - May The Lord Put This Desire More & More Into Our Hearts!
    - Psalm 40:8 - "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart!"
- Following The Word Of God!
  - Jude Relied On The Rest Of Scripture:
    - To Inform His Readers Of "The Faith Which Was Once Delivered Unto The Saints!"
  - And He Had Faith:
    - That The Word Of God Would Accomplish What God Wanted It To Accomplish! (Isaiah 55:11)
- Jude Had Such A Heart For The Gospel:
  - That He Was Willing To Follow God's Will For His Life & Even For This Letter!

**Conclusion:**

1. Does This "Common Salvation" Belong To You This Morning?
  - Have You Turned From Your Sin:
    - To The Only One Who Can Save You?
      - The Lord Jesus Christ!
2. Once You Do:
  - You Can Have The Same Heart For The Gospel:
    - That Jude Had!
  - You Will Have A New Focus:
    - On The Lord And His Truth!
  - You Can Enjoy A New Fellowship:
    - With The Lord And His People!
  - You Will Have A New Foundation:
    - One That Will Never Crack Or Crumble!
      - On Jesus Christ Himself!
  - And You Can Follow Him:

- In Complete Trust!
- 3. Then & Only Then:
  - Are You Ready To:
    - “Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”

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