

To those in the churches, Jude is writing his letter to, it doesn't matter. What they want to hear is that these false teachers, unbelievers, will be judged. They understand what's going on in the church, and so it makes perfect sense when Jude says these people will be judged, but they're going to be judged just like every unbeliever for exactly the same reason.

So many people reject the concept of hell, they reject the concept of punishment. People are following those who teach universal salvation. Everyone will end up going to heaven whether they're believers in the Lord Jesus Christ or not.

I've mentioned before about those who were strong doctrinal pastor teachers who now believe everyone will go to heaven including Satan. They say God is love. Yes, He is. It's part of His essence. But the greatest manifestation of God's love that has ever existed, and ever will exist, is the gift of His Son: the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ and what Christ did for us by going to the cross and paying a penalty we couldn't pay, which provides eternal life by simple faith alone in Christ alone. Our so great salvation.

That is love. He sent His own Son to die for us. No greater love has anyone than to lay down his life for a friend!

But God doesn't give up His justice so He can love you? He cannot do that and remain deity. So, those who reject His love, those who reject His grace, this will be their end.

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This is encouragement to those under attack from these false teachers. It will be encouragement in the future for those under attack from false teachers. And it will be encouragement in the Tribulation for those under attack from some of the worst false teachers in the history of mankind, and yet people will buy into it. Just like they're buying into evil in this country today.

All who have died throughout history as unbelievers, including the false teachers of Jude's day, the false teachers of our day, and all the unbelievers of the tribulational period who are wiped out at Armageddon or who are removed, all will be resurrected.

We, as believers, will be resurrected in a certain order.

The first one who has ever been resurrected is the Lord Jesus Christ, the “First Fruits.” No one has been resurrected before him. There have been those who have been resuscitated from the dead, but never resurrected to a new body in Heaven.

The second group, Bravo Company, to be resurrected will be you. The universal church at the Rapture.

The third resurrection, at the Second Advent, is all Old Testament believers and Tribulational saints (Charlie Company).

The fourth resurrection will occur at the end of the Millennium, all those who died during that period who were believers (Delta Company).

But there's another resurrection, called the second resurrection. All those who have died without Christ will come back, but they will come back for judgment, and only judgment.

You cannot attack God's Word with false teaching, with lies, with deception, and not receive divine judgment. That is the bottom line of Jude or Enoch's prophecy.

Of course, the timing of this is up to God, but there is no doubt that judgment will be forthcoming on those who are false teachers and, of course, others as well, but the context here is about false teachers, and Jude is specifically concentrating on unbelieving false teachers.

There are believing false teachers in churches today. These false teachers who are believers and are in reversionism, who are perpetrating and purveying false doctrine in one form or another. You should be confident God will handle them, as well.

Some are worse than others, but certainly false doctrine in many ways, and I don't count a few deviations here and there as false doctrine. However, when you get into emotion, healing, and other aspects of theology, then we're talking some serious false doctrine. And of course, the definition of false doctrine in the churches is a pastor who is not bringing his congregation to any sort of maturity by

teaching Bible doctrine, or is misleading and deceptive, and that's, of course, what Jude is talking about.

Jude is concentrating on unbelieving false teachers who are the nemesis of all believers of all times. That's what makes the epistle of Jude such an important study for all of us. Spiritual growth is impossible under the authority of the types of teachers that Jude is addressing. The characteristics which he has addressed in verses 4 through 13 are definitive by way of understanding the characteristics and the qualities of false teachers. (The context being unbelieving false teachers.)

But now we are looking at the prophecy of Enoch, and through this prophecy, Jude describes the inevitable judgment that will be their end.

Don't think, however, that apostate believers who are false teachers will come away unscathed, either. They will get discipline for their false doctrine. However, they will never experience the kind of judgment that divinely inspired Jude reveals through this prophecy of Enoch.

So, verses 14 and 15 of Jude say this:

Verse 14: “Enoch, the seventh (generation) from Adam, prophesied about them (apostates): “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands (myriads) of His holy ones, (EXT)

Verse 15: “To execute judgement (condemnation – baptism of fire) upon all (unbelieving false teachers and all unbelievers) and to convict (punish fully) all the irreverent deeds (human good) which the irreverent have committed, and all of the harsh things these impious sinners have spoken against Him (verbal sins).”

These false teachers deny the salvation work of Jesus Christ and that's what it means when it says they speak against Him at the end of verse 15.

They can be very deceptive and subtle in that opposition. They may not come out and say, well, who is Jesus Christ? He's not our Savior, He's not God. But, they can also be very overt.

The range that false teachers come in are great and wide, but here Jude is speaking of all of them in the sense that they all reject Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, they show their denial through their words and their deeds. Their ungodly speech and actions reflect their unbelief, and that's why Jude has written this epistle, so that their deeds, actions, words, and characteristics can be identified. But it is the unbelief, the opposition to Jesus Christ himself, that is the real cause of the judgment that Enoch pronounces on the false teachers.

These false teachers will be held accountable for their rejection of God's grace in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Their ungodly speech and deeds are not, and never have been, the real reason that they will be judged. They are against Christ. They are unbelievers.

So what Jude is revealing about them in verses 14 and 15 is the way for believers to identify their unbelief and not be fooled by these false teachers.

Jude is not only warning of the speech and deeds of the false teachers, he is, through Enoch, in actuality predicting their ultimate end. This is encouragement to those under attack from false teachers.

All church-age believers will be judged for their service, for their divine good production. That is simply for rewards. (You're not going to purgatory until we pray you out.) You, as a believer, will never experience any kind of the judgment that the unbeliever will receive. Enoch is talking about the false teacher unbelievers and the judgment they will receive.

So, after the second resurrection of all unbelievers at the end of the Millennium, every one of these resurrected unbelievers will stand before the Great White Throne Judgment of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a judgment that no one wants to stand before. There will be trembling and fear as never before, and it is here, at the Great White Throne Judgment, that the Lord will convict the ungodly.

Don't forget the context here in verse 15: judgment will come to those who have opposed Christ. That's the context, exemplified by unbelieving false teachers. And they are identified in this world by their words and by their actions.

That's why Jude, through Enoch's prophecy, writes ungodly four times and uses it in in those different ways: speech, action, sin, and rejection of Christ. Their complete rejection of the gospel of grace.

That's the bottom line for the ungodly. The Lord's judgment of them is ultimately for that one reason. They are judged because they are unbelievers, ungodly, who have spoken against him.

1. The false teachers are recognized by their evil deeds, actions, or speech. They are ungodly, and they have qualities and characteristics which he's defined. Now he just calls them ungodly.
2. Jude is exposing them for what they are as false teachers, by their evil speech and deeds. We know them by their words, by their speech, by their actions.
3. Judgement is surely coming to them as Enoch's prophecy tells us. But their final judgment is not because of their ungodly deeds or because they are false teachers.
4. Jude is exposing their ungodly deeds in his time for the purpose of the church, recognizing and avoiding them.
5. He is identifying these false teachers, but he cites Enoch, and Enoch is talking about judgment.
6. So, Jude is citing not only an identification of the false teachers, through Enoch's prophecy, he is also talking about their end. These are two different things, because the identification of the false teachers, their speech, their actions, etc., is not what brings judgment. Their rejecting of the Lord Jesus Christ is the issue.
7. Enoch's prophecy goes even further addressing their final judgment, which is for their unbelief, manifested by their false teaching. Their rejection of Christ points out exactly what they are.
8. They are unbelievers; their speech, their words, and their actions identify them as such. They will be judged because they rejected Christ.

9. The final judgment is at the Great White Throne, at the end of human history, after the second resurrection. This judgment will be the very last act of the Lord Jesus Christ before the eternal state.
10. Even the cursed Earth and the heavens will be judged at this time and destroyed. This is total judgment. Judgment of people, judgment of angels, judgment of the Earth itself, according to 2nd Peter 3:7-13.

We, as human beings, will never destroy this earth; only God will do it and He will do it at the last judgment.

1. At the great white throne judgment, Jesus Christ is the Righteous Judge and Perfect Judge.
2. The only people trying to escape from this judgment are unbelievers and fallen angels. No believers will be involved here. All unbelievers will stand before him in judgment - every unbeliever in history.
3. This judgment is part of the judgment of Enoch's prophecy in Jude 15. (Don't forget the second advent is involved here as an interim judgment, but the final judgment, the Great White Throne Judgment, is the total picture of what Enoch is talking about, the end of the ungodly. The Lord returns with His angels at the Second Advent, that's the immediate prophecy of Enoch as described by Jude, but you cannot overlook that final prophecy when all unbelievers will be judged.)

Here's what's going to happen at that judgment Revelation 20:12:

“**And I saw the dead** (remember this is in front of the Great White Throne – all unbelievers who have now been resurrected), **great and small** (Those unbelievers who have had great power in this world, all the world leaders, including some of ours in the United States who were unbelievers; and the small: all those people who are poor and who have no power and are downtrodden, that's not going to be an excuse, either. There are no excuses. I saw the dead, the great and the small. Their status in temporal life does not matter. No one's going to buy their way out. No one's going to get a smaller sentence. No amount of wealth, no pleading, nothing.), **standing before the throne, and books were**

opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”

Verse 12 of Revelation 20 describes the Supreme Court of Heaven rendering the final verdict of divine judgment. What an unimaginable scene that's going to be.

Let God handle all justice because He is always perfectly just, without prejudice, without favoritism. That is a faith-rest rationale.

When you want the wrath of God brought on somebody, forget it. Don't worry about those people. Don't you judge them, and don't you expect God's judgment on them because you want it. God's justice is always in operation.

It's called the justice of God rationale. When you are being treated unfairly, relax. When you don't like how people are dealing with you, relax. God's justice is in operation. He takes care of you, and He takes care of them with perfect justice.

It doesn't matter whether people are great or small. There are no excuses when it comes to the justice of God. That justice is not based on your desires for retribution.

According to Revelation 20:12, at that horrendous scene, there will be two sets of books.

One is, as quoted, the Book of Life. The unique aspect of the book of life is this:

1. Originally, all members of the human race were listed in this book.
2. However, when anyone dies without believing in Christ as Savior, a line goes through that person's name. He is blotted out of the book of life. Revelation 3:5. Also 1 John 5:5.
3. Once a line goes through that name, it's taken out of the book, and it spells doom for eternity. No book of life, no life.

Now the second set of books is the Book of Works, volumes of works, volumes of deeds.

So first you have the Book of Life, then you have the book of works. It is volumes and volumes; it has to be a lot of books, listing all the deeds or works of the

unbelieving members of the human race. These are good deeds listed, not sins. Sins are not listed here. But they are unbelievers.

Why aren't sins listed? These are the deeds for which they are judged. Revelation 20:12b. "...the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books according to their deeds."

It is significant that the unbelievers, the dead, are not judged according to their "hamartia," sins. That word does not appear there. It's "ergon," works.

Most people view the reason for judgment as sin. Judgment is always against sin and crime. However, the final judgment is not about sin and crime. Works in this context does not connote personal sin. Why? The sins of all humanity were imputed to Christ at the cross and forgiven, taken care of. How can you be condemned?

They've already been judged. They cannot be judged again. There's no double jeopardy here. God has already judged your sins. He's judged the sins of unbelievers. That's why the door of salvation is open. Your sins are forgiven.

Whether you take advantage of God's grace or not depends upon whether you express faith alone in Christ alone. So, sins are never the basis for indictment at the last judgment. What is being judged? The deeds being judged are all those good works of unbelievers. If it's not sins, what else is left? Good deeds!

That's the irony of the last judgment. It is based solely on that person's human works, all of those human works. It's only the good deeds that are left open for examination and judgment.

1. When the unbeliever rejects the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, the grace of God, he has only his good works to rely on.
2. Good deeds are the unbelievers substitute for the free gift of salvation. He's rejected grace, and he depends upon works.
3. Those works can never measure up to God's perfect righteousness. None of us can measure up.
4. Only Christ's work on the cross has any merit with God.
5. Therefore, the rejection of Christ is the true reason for conviction, as Enoch calls it.
6. No matter how good or how bad a person is in this life, it is irrelevant. It is inadmissible before the bench of God's justice as evidence for acquittal.

Jesus Christ acquitted you. He opened the way of salvation. You accepted the acquittal, and you're off the hook, but they're not.

Remember, God cannot pardon anyone on the basis of human good. Isaiah 64:6 says, **“all your religious deeds are like a filthy garment.”** Not acceptable.

God is pleased only with Christ's sacrifice, and man's pathetic attempt to please God on his own terms are unacceptable.

All the religious types will be depending on their works as they stand at the Great White Throne, being judged for their deeds.

The issue at the judgment is rejecting the grace of God and only the grace of God.

And so, this good person died without believing in Jesus Christ as Savior, as did the evil person. What's the difference? There is no difference. The good works don't matter. The human worthiness does not matter. He is at the judgment seat with an impressive number of good works recorded.

Now you begin to understand just what the cross was all about. God the Father offered His Son in your place. He imputed your sins to Jesus Christ. How simple is that?

A good person has a list of good works, and they really worked hard to be a very good person, an enviable record in human terms, but never on God's terms. They again rejecting God's grace, the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross.

His terms are grace, not works. This is what's so hard for the human viewpoint person to fathom.

People who were not nice will be in heaven. Some really bad, nasty people are going to be in heaven. Because at one moment in time, they believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. They accepted God's grace and received the righteousness of God according to Romans 4:1-8.

Vs.1: “What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

Vs.2: For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Vs.3: For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Vs.4: Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

Vs.5: But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Vs.6: just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

Vs.7: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered.

Vs.8: “Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.”

This is all it takes. God's righteousness in a believer is what makes him acceptable, not his good deeds in the world. They will not open the doors to heaven. What does Titus 3:5 say?

Titus 3:5: “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,”

It's that spiritual birth and the imputation of God's righteousness that saves us.

No hard work will cancel the unbeliever's debt with God. He still falls short of God's perfect righteousness, even good work after good work, and for every unbeliever at the last judgment, it's too late.

It's the grace of God demonstrated fully in Christ; when rejected, the last stop is the Lake of Fire.

Those are the deeds that are going to be judged. They are the ungodly, no matter how good they are. That's the judgment of Enoch's prophecy, as cited by Jude, and the way Jude is using this prophecy of judgment, it defines the unbelieving false teachers' ultimate end.

They have no eternal future with God, and they can offer no eternal future to those in their churches.

We have now seen Jude remind us of what the end is for the false teachers. Their eternal and well-deserved judgment in verses 14 through 15.

We saw that it was not just because they are false teachers, it was not just because of their ungodly speech or their ungodly actions or their sins. It was because of their unbelief.

We saw last night that there is only one reason for judgment, and that is unbelief. Unbelieving false teachers and all unbelievers will get their just reward – the Lake of Fire.

We also saw in verses 14 and 15 the return of Christ at the Second Advent, along with the last judgment at the end of the Millennium.

Now Jude moves backwards a bit. He is not through with his descriptions of the false teachers just yet. There are a few more warnings that are necessary.

Up to this point, Jude has provided a lot of great illustrations in order to describe who these false teachers are, what they do, and how to identify them. He has done it mostly by metaphors and illustrations. He has used terminology, which is straightforward, but now we're coming to a point where Jude is very direct in his assessment of these false teachers.

He identifies some of the great problems with their teaching. Listed next in verse 16 are three major sins of the tongue, which are endemic to false teachers, or to anyone who speaks against Bible doctrine.

We will then see a fourth problem in verse 16. It's of a general nature concerning the lusts of these false teachers.

Jude is going to call it the way he sees it. His last line in verse 16 is great, “they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.”

Our expanded translation of Jude 14 and 15:

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Verse 16: “**These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.**” (NASB)

Our first word will be “grumblers.” It's the nominative plural of the Greek word “*γογγυστής*” – “*gongystēs*.” *Gongystēs*” sounds like a grumbler. A “*gongystēs*.”

This is the only time this word is used in the New Testament as a noun.