

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

Two writers in the New Testament were biologically related to Jesus. According to Mark 6:3, James and Jude are listed as Jesus' brothers. Whether they are half-brothers or the son of one of Mary's sisters, Mark (Peter) still called them brothers. Accepted church history considers James a younger brother of Jesus. Jude does not list himself as a family member in his short writing. He calls himself a "*servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.*" His letter contains the passion of those who were strong believers in the life and work of Jesus Christ, God's Chosen One. The quote above, often called the "*doxology*", contains the heart of what became the Christian gospel.

- *To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling ...* (the Holy Spirit)
- *To God our Savior...* (God the Father & God the Son)
- *Through Jesus Christ our Lord...* (we know Him and we serve Him)
- *Both now and forever!* (Jesus Christ is Timeless, uncreated and eternal)
- *Amen* (so be it)

The New Testament letters lay out the daily details of our faith, but Jude's *doxology* contains it all. These men were not just blue-collar, hands-on workers who didn't go to college. They thought about the great ideas, and they lived them out. As do we.

Welcome

September 3rd, 2023



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;
Youth & Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

SERMON NOTES

KNOWING GOD

TEXT: Philippians 3:7-11 – Exodus 6:7; Psalm 95:10; Acts 7:36; Hebrews 3:9-10

God is still _____ for a people who will let Him be God to them – to the point that they truly _____ Him and _____ His ways!

LIMITING GOD'S _____ AND _____ – Psalm 78:41; 2 Chronicles 16:12; Ephesians 3:20-21

LIMITING _____ WITH GOD

_____ **WITH TOO LITTLE** Malachi 3:10

1. _____ **HIS VOICE**

A. **An unshakable _____ that God is wanting to _____ to us.**

He is a _____ God – and He wants us to _____ His voice so we can do His _____.

B. **Quality _____ and _____.**

C. **Asking in _____.** Luke 11:11-12

2. _____ **TO KNOW JESUS**

Knowing God _____ with knowing Jesus! John 14:9; James 1:17

Jesus was and is a _____! 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Psalm 39:6-7

He knew ahead of time what we would _____ to _____ all our problems.

3. _____ **IN GOD'S LOVE**

But God is there all along, waiting to _____ us! 1 John 4:16

He _____ me – and He is going to _____ me and be God to me!

THEOLOGICAL SEED

2 Peter 3:17-18 [Amplified Bible]

¹⁷ Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless *and* wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

¹⁸ But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition *and* knowledge *and* understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we will continue our study of John 17. Our children will enjoy Kid's Club in the basement.

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