We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Romans 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Philippians 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Revelation 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Ephesians 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matthew 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Timothy 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Ephesians 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Colossians 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

Tonight we want to simply study **“Lessons from the book of Jude”.** Let us start by simply reading the book, all 25 verses.

* **Jude is described as “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James”** – Jude is probably the Lord’s brother and brother of James, another brother of Jesus (**Galatians 1:19**). Scholars put the book at between the years of 65-80 AD.
* Notice in **verse 1,** that the book is written to those who are **“called, sanctified”** and **“preserved in Jesus Christ”** (**1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 12:1-2**).
* Jude gives a very diligent exhortation in **verse 3**; “**contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints**”. Once for all; perpetual validity, never needing repetition; everything that man needs for all time. Contend earnestly for it (**1 Timothy 6:12, Luke 13:24**)!
* **Verse 4** indicates that ungodly men have crept in, who pervert the grace of God and deny Jesus Christ. The New Testament warns us over and over of the dangers of false teachers creeping into congregations (**Acts 20:28-30, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 4:1**).
* Jude provides three examples of what happens to those in opposition to God; Egypt, certain angels, and Sodom and Gomorrah (**Jude 5-7**).
* These false teachers are called dreamers in **verse 8** and are described more in **verses 9-13**. These type of people are to be avoided!
* Notice what was prophesied by Enoch in **verses 14-15**. This prophecy is only recorded here (**Genesis 5:21-24, Hebrews 11:5**). About the end of those mentioned in **verse 16**.
* Now Jude changes his direction. He now encourages those who are sanctified, disciples of Jesus in **verses 17-21**. We are to remember the words spoken by the apostles of Jesus Christ who warned of false teachers walking according to their own lusts and cause divisions; build yourself up, praying in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the Love of God; and looking for the mercy of Jesus Christ unto eternal life (**1 John 5:1-5**).
* Notice what Christians are to do for those who are lost in **verses 22-23**. Save with compassion; save with fear; pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh (**Acts 2:40-42**).
* Jude ends his book with a reminder in **verses 24-25**. He reminds us of the one who can keep us from stumbling and presents us faultless before the presence of His glory. In the **ESV verse 25** reads “**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**”.

The book of Jude; sent to disciples of Christ, warns of the dangers and doom of false teachers, reminds us to keep ourselves in the Lord of God and the mercy of Jesus, and encourages disciples to do whatever it takes to save those who are lost!

**How about you tonight? Do you need to be saved from your sins? Do you want to become of disciple of Jesus Christ?** Jesus told his apostles his priorities about making disciples in **Matthew 28:18-20**. **Why not become a disciple now?** Become a soldier of Jesus (**2 Timothy 2:1-5**).

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies, by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. For our next program, in two weeks, we hope to be live, on **December 3, 2018, when we study “DON’T LOOK BACK!”** We hope to see you next time on "**Speaking The Truth In Love**".