

GREETINGS FROM JUDE

Jude 1-2

It's amazing how much can be said in just a few words!

I. THE WRITER (1a)

A. HIS NAME: Judas

1. Alarming
2. Confusing
 - a. There are at least seven known "Judas" in the NT
 - b. Which one is he?

B. HIS STATUS: Slave of Christ

1. This assigns him as ...
 - One wholly and humbly committed to Christ
2. This limits him
 - He is one without rights of his own

C. HIS RELATIONSHIP: Brother of James

1. Reality
 - See Matt 13:55 and Mark 6:3 for the only NT Judas and James who are brothers
2. Humility
 - a. No mention of being Christ's half-brother
 - b. Willing to be in the shadow of his much more popular brother James

D. HIS SIGNIFICANCE: A convert to Christ

1. He was an unbeliever during Christ's ministry - John 7:1-5
2. He became a believer after the resurrection of Christ - Acts 1:14
3. He is proclaimer in the early church

II. THE RECIPIENTS (1b)

A. CALLED: Saved ones

1. Called by the gospel - II Thess. 2:13-14
2. Called into the Light - I Peter 2:9

B. BELOVED: Special ones

1. The Situation - John 14:23 and 16:27
2. The Result - John 17:22-24
3. The Marvel - I John 3:1

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C. KEPT: Secure ones

1. Assured that He won't lose them - John 10:27-29
2. Convinced of His great care - II Tim. 1:12
3. Protected by the power of God - I Peter 1:5

III. **THE REMARKS** (2)

A. MULTIPLIED MERCY TO YOU

1. Recognizing God's kindness - Eph. 2:4-5
2. Relying on God's compassion - Heb. 4:16

B. MULTIPLIED PEACE TO YOU

1. Being right with God - Rom. 5:1
2. Being reliant upon God - Phil. 4:6-7

C. MULTIPLIED LOVE TO YOU

1. A discipleship defined by love - John 13:35
2. A discipleship driven to love - I Peter 1:22

D. MIND-BLOWING BLESSINGS

- The amazing reality of multiplication

CONCLUSION:

What might you write on a postcard this week?

Who needs to hear from you?

What can you share with others about God?