

# Contend Earnestly For the Faith Which Was Once For All Handed Down to the Saints An Expository Study of the **Epistle of Jude** Chapter 19- God is Able to Present us Faultless **Jude 24&25** 212 Standing in God's Presence Blameless-Part 4

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Welcome again my beloved in Christ. We are continuing our verse by verse study of the **Epistle of Jude** and today I want to continue to look at what Jude taught about "God Empowering us to be able to Stand in God's Presence Blameless and with Great Joy". So, let's read Jude verses 24 and 25 again together:

**24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,  
25 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.**

Now over the last several broadcasts, we have been examining verses 24 and 25 and I have been going over just how God keeps us from stumbling and how God is able to make us to stand in the presence of His Glory blameless with great joy and just how this all works out in our lives. And over these broadcasts, I have been discussing the inescapable reality that even though we are saved- we are also still sinful, and it is that dual status of being simultaneously righteous and sinful that shows us just how Christ is able to keep us from stumbling and make us blameless.

As I have told you before- since it is a fact that we are still sinful after Salvation- the issue here, then, is not one of being sinless- but of being Righteous in God's sight. Of course, the first question that arises is, "*How can I be righteous and still be sinful?*"

And that is a good question. Doesn't being righteous automatically assume that we are sinless? If we were talking about

anything else- then the answer would be, “Yes!”. But since we are talking about the glorious miracle of Salvation- the answer is, “No”.

Every religion and philosophy on earth teaches that man has to be righteous in order to go to Heaven. God’s requirement for Heaven in all the major religions and philosophies that exist is that every person who goes to Heaven must be perfectly righteous and continuously righteous.

And we all agree that no sin can enter into Heaven. So, since that is true- no sinner therefore can go to Heaven unless that sinner is made sinless; that unrighteous Man must be made righteous; and that wicked man must be made pure.

It is at this point that Biblical Christianity differs from every other religion and philosophy on earth. All the religions and philosophies of Man except for Biblical Christianity teach that since Man has to be righteous to go to Heaven- that man has to go through a long, elaborate lifelong process of transformation, improvement, and change that are designed to make that unrighteous man- to be righteous. This long elaborate process includes rituals; ceremonies; Sacraments; deeds; works; and actions that when carried out will make the sinful man to be sinless and will make the unrighteous man to be righteous- at least that is what these religions and philosophies say they will do.

Hinduism, for example, realizes that this process is so enormous and elaborate that it could well take several lifetimes to accomplish it and so they include Re-incarnation in their religion to allow for a man to go through this purification process as many times as necessary and in as many lifetimes as necessary until they can be good enough to reach a state of Nirvanah or Heaven.

Mormons don’t believe in Re-incarnation- but they do teach that Almighty God was once a man and that he succeeded in going through this process and is now a god. Therefore- it is only logical to the good Mormon that each man can follow in the footsteps of that god and go through this purification process and when finished- he too can be a god.

Muslims believe that even though they pray five times each day and go on a pilgrimage to Mecca once in their lifetime and fast during the day- that Allah can still send them to hell- so they are forced into a position of having to kill themselves in a Jihad which is the only

sure way that a Muslim can be righteous enough to deserve Heaven- according to the Koran.

Secular Humanism, which is the official state sponsored religion of the United States Government and the American Public School System, teaches that everyone is already born good- and everyone is born equal- its just that some are better than others and some are more equal than others and so through education and indoctrination and by taking money from those who earn it and giving it to those who do not earn it- we can make men to be righteous and we can create a Great Society where all men are equal and where love and peace and joy abounds.

Of course, instead of giving us this Utopian pipedream; instead of making one human being righteous- Secular Humanism has given gifts to the world like Nazism; Communism, Fascism, and Socialism which in just 100 years has caused the subjugation and murder of almost 200 million human beings and far from making anyone righteous- Humanism has brought about more inhuman barbarity and cruelty that ancient pagans could only dream about.

It was this same dilemma of a man becoming righteous enough to deserve Heaven through his own effort and his own works that compelled some religious people to fabricate a place called Purgatory which is the final stop in a lifelong process of being made righteous, which begins at infant baptism and involves elaborate prayers; the rite of penance; and keeping Church Sacraments in order for the individual to be good enough to go to Heaven.

And then there is Biblical Christianity- which alone teaches what the Bible declares to be true about being made righteous.

So, all the religions and philosophies on earth except Biblical Christianity teaches that if a man will just try harder; if he will simply push more; if he will just work longer; pray more; fast more often; engage his mind more; if he will just follow their teachings and engage himself in their rituals and if he will just quit sinning- then he could become righteous enough to qualify to go to Heaven.

But the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of the living God makes some very powerful statements that categorically refute every single attempt by every other religion and philosophy on earth and exposes their efforts to make a man to be righteous as a fraud and a

scam and a lie. And then, this very same Bible makes one of the most fantastic claims that has ever been made by any Book on earth.

The Bible says that not only is no man on earth righteous- but the Bible teaches that that no man on earth can ever become righteous by and through his own power. The Bible clearly teaches that we are not born good- but that every man, woman and child on earth is born real bad; and they are born sinful and depraved; in fact the Bible declares that every human on earth is shapen and formed in sin and iniquity in his mother's womb and that at the very moment of conception every human on earth is infused with the very same sin nature of Adam and in addition to that- the Bible teaches that every human on earth is declared to be personally guilty of the very sin of Adam and is in fact judged guilty of that sin by a holy and righteous God before he is even born.

The Bible goes on to teach that in this fallen state- no man is good; no man is righteous- not one. The Bible says that no man in his lost condition seeks after God; that no man looks to God on his own; and the Bible teaches that the fallen human depravity of Man is so pervasive that- if left to himself- not one single human being on earth would ever turn to God.

In the Bible, God uses words like “dead”; “blind”; “deaf”; “unable”; “separated”; “orphan”; “alien”; and “stranger” to describe lost Man's relationship to God. In describing unsaved Man's condition, God put it like this in **Genesis 6:5**

**Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Notice how God Himself framed this description of lost Man. God says here that the wickedness of lost Man was great; that it was huge; it was big; that it was all pervasive and God says that the wickedness of Man had then and has today a very powerful potential for unimaginable wickedness. God said that not a few of the thoughts of Man, but every single imagination of the thoughts of his heart was- not just evil- but only evil continually. Truly this describes a pathetic, depraved, place of utter lostness.

Now here is the problem. Most people who live on earth today do not believe what I just read to you. They may believe that *some* people fit the description here in **Genesis 6**- but they reason within

themselves that all people are not that bad. Most people on earth have bought into the unbiblical teaching that all men are born basically good and that somewhere along the way- bad *external* forces cause these otherwise “good” people to go “bad”.

And this is the predominant view of mankind in the world today- both in and out of the Church. And this view is almost universally believed and taught in our secular media; our schools; in Government; and in almost all major Corporations. Otherwise internally “good” people are turned into “bad” people by something that happens to them *externally*.

They believe and teach that all people- even those people who end up being bad- are born “good” *internally*; that is- they have “good” hearts; they are “nice” people; they have “noble” intentions- they are basically “good” with a few minor flaws that they need to work on.

The lost, unregenerate world teaches that the reason that some of these “good” people end up being like Charles Manson or Adolf Hitler or a pedophile is that something *external* happens to them at some point in their life and that *external* event is what turns these “good” people into being “bad” people.

That *external* event could be a bad father who beat them; or a bad mother who humiliated them; or a traumatic event like a death of someone they loved or some sort of suffering. And because that external event happened to them- these otherwise “good” people became “bad”. So, their “badness”- their “wickedness”- is not really their own wickedness- it is the result of something bad happening to them *externally* and so it really isn’t their fault.

The world says that these people are not “evil”- no, the world teaches that these people are people are “good” people who have been *made* to be “evil” by external circumstances beyond their control- so in reality- the world categorically disagrees with the Bible, and they say that these people are not wicked sinners- but rather victims. So, the world teaches that we are righteous on the *inside* and are “made” unrighteous by what happens to us on the *outside*.

And this logic goes to the heart of the Truth about how anyone is made righteous. Because if it is true that people are born *internally* “good” or righteous and they are made evil or unrighteous only by *external* circumstances- then the way to get people to be righteous is by controlling their *external* circumstances. Therefore, the lost

unsaved world teaches that people “make themselves” righteous by controlling and changing and modifying and improving their *external* surroundings and circumstances. So, the world teaches that people are unrighteous because of what “others” do *to* them and they are made righteous by what they do *for* themselves. So, the world says that Man does need a Savior- they just believe that this Savior is themselves.

But the Bible teaches just the opposite. The Bible teaches that people are born *internally* bad- that they are *internally* corrupt and sinful from the very moment of conception- and because of this internal disease called sin- they are *personally* unrighteous, and they are *personally* guilty before God and by virtue of their own *personal* unrighteousness and sin- they are separated from God, and they are in hostile rebellion toward God, and they are, in fact, lost sinners.

The Bible then goes on to teach- unlike the world- that Man is *unable* to make himself righteous no matter what he does for himself- and it is an *external* event- Jesus Christ’s Crucifixion- that is able to make these evil and sinful people to be righteous. So, it isn’t what these people can do for themselves that makes them righteous- it is what Jesus Christ alone gloriously does for them by Grace alone through Faith alone that makes them righteous.

Well, I have to stop right here but please join me on the next broadcast as we continue our journey through the Epistle of Jude. May God help us all.

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