

The Bible - Week 48 (December 12th)

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2 Peter + Jude

Author: Also Peter & then Jude a servant of Jesus Christ

Date: around Peter's death so 66CE, Jude was just after in 67-69

Audience: Peter is writing to the same people in the same way as 1st Peter, Jude wrote to the people of Antioch

Reason: Peter was trying to strengthen the church and also trying to keep false teaching out of the community he cared about. Jude wrote because false teachers were influencing the church and pulling people away.

Theme: watch for false teachers

Key Verse:

2 Peter 3:17-18 CEB

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been warned in advance, be on guard so that you aren't led off course into the error of sinful people, and lose your own safe position. Instead, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him belongs glory now and forever. Amen.

Jude 3 CEB

Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you concerning the salvation we share. Instead, I must write to urge you to fight for the faith delivered once and for all to God's holy people.

Sections: Growth in Truth (Ch1), False teachers (Ch 2), Coming Judgement (Ch 3) / Jude Denouncing false teachers (Ch1-16), The proper response (Ch 17-25)

Key Words: False teachers, truth, Godliness, Knowledge

Basic Intro: Again Peter is strengthening a people. But here he is hoping to keep the people on a proper understanding of God. He uses images of how we are transformed to be like-minded in Christ.

Questions for Discussion:

- **2 Peter 1:5-7 lists fruits, what can you do today to increase those qualities in you?**
- **Christians were being mocked In this letter. How do you respond to those who mock or make fun of your beliefs?**
- **How is it helpful to have an eternal mindset in your daily life?**
- **Jude compares what is happening to the Golden Calf, why do you think he does that?**
- **What is the difference between a disagreement on a theological concept and a true “false Teaching/ teacher?”**