

The Letter of

Jude



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They were *Called*

Called” refers to the divine invitation of salvation.

This calling also marks us as belonging to Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:6)

You're invited!

*The
Divine
Invitation*

They were *Sanctified*

This means that they were *set apart* – set apart from the world and set apart unto God.

Sanctified by God and for God purpose.

Sanctification is God's will for us (1 Thessalonians 4:3).



SANCTIFIED

SET APART FOR A PURPOSE

- **The word *sanctification* is related to the word *saint*; both words have to do with holiness.**
- **To “sanctify” something is to set it apart for special use; to “sanctify” a person is to make him holy.**

About Sanctification

1. Sanctification is the work of God.

- **All our efforts toward holiness are useless apart from (1) the work of Christ on the cross (Heb. 10:10) and (2) the work of God's Spirit in us.**

2. Sanctification involves our cooperation

Take note of the imperatives in Galatians 5:

***“walk by the Spirit”* (v. 16), *“live by the Spirit”* (v. 25), and *“keep in step with the Spirit”* (v. 25).**

Whereas justification is entirely God's work, sanctification involves our cooperation with God.

Christ has delivered us from sin's reign, but the responsibility for resisting sin is ours.

God has given us His Spirit, but the responsibility for walking by the Spirit is ours.

3. Sanctification is an ongoing process.

- **Whereas justification is once and for all, sanctification is a continuous process whereby we grow in holiness.**

4. The goal and measure of sanctification is Christlikeness.

- **God's purpose in our sanctification is to transform us more and more into the likeness of Christ (Rom. 8:29).**

5. The primary instrument of sanctification is the Word of God.

- **Jesus' prayer for His disciples, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17), instructs us that God sanctifies us by His Word.**

They were *Preserved*

- We are only loved and kept because He first called us out of darkness into His light.
- Jesus Christ is our guardian and our protector.



- **The term preserved comes from the Greek word “tereo” which means “to guard (from loss or injury).**
- **It is used to describe that which is closely watched and guarded.**

God will take diligent care in keeping us for Himself.

- **Called (saved)**
- **Loved (sanctified)**
- **Kept or preserved (secured)**
 - *for* **Jesus Christ**
 - *by* **Jesus Christ**
 - *in* **Jesus Christ**

Verse 1 tells us something of what it means to be a Christian.

- a) A Christian is called by God**
- b) A Christian is loved by God**
- c) A Christian is kept by Christ**

Mercy Peace Love

BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU

Jude 1-2



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May Mercy And Peace And
Love Be Multiplied

To You

Jude 1:2





The Prayer or Blessing

- **Three blessings**
- **Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. KJV**
- **May mercy, peace, and love be yours in full measure. GNB**



- **Jude's prayer and pleading to the Father was that multiplied blessing be bestowed on all those that are in Christ Jesus.**
- **He asked that an overflowing abundance of mercy, peace and love be showered on all who trust in Jesus.**



- **He knew that wolves were prowling around seeking to scatter the little flock of God and so he asked the Father for mercy to help in time of need - and for an abundance of peace and love, in the midst of difficult times.**
- **This prayer for multiplied blessings of mercy, peace and love is equally needed today.**