

Week of October 22, 2017

**This Week's Focus**: Jude ends his letter with a doxology reminding his readers (including us today) of the praiseworthiness of God's preserving power, Jesus' cleansing work, and the eternal greatness of God's character.

This Week's Text: Jude 24-25

## Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Jude ends his epistle with a doxology. What is a doxology? How is it different from a benediction, which is the typical conclusion of a New Testament letter?
- According to this week's passage (and the rest of Scripture), who is the final, definitive, and decisive cause of our eternal destiny? Reference Jude 1, John 10:27-30, Romans 8:38-39, and 1
   Peter 1:3-5. In times of doubt, how can we be reassured of our eternal security in Jesus Christ?
- How do we live in light of the reality of our eternal security in Jesus Christ? Reference Jude 3 and 2 Peter 1:9-10.
- Can anyone stand guiltless before the holy God of the universe? Reference Psalm 15:1-2.
  What Old Testament concept is Jude conveying with his use of the word "blameless"?
  Reference Leviticus 1:2-3. Who is the only blameless one? Hebrews 9:11-15. How has Jesus made us blameless for the day when we will be in God's presence?
- According to verse 24, what will be the Christian's on the day of judgement? What will be the response of the unrepentant false teachers previously mentioned in Jude's letter?
- What does Jude's doxology affirm (with the rest of Scripture) about the nature and personhood of God?
- Discuss each of the characteristics of God that Jude uses as reasons to praise God glory, majesty, dominion, and authority. Do you find comfort in the unchanging character of God?