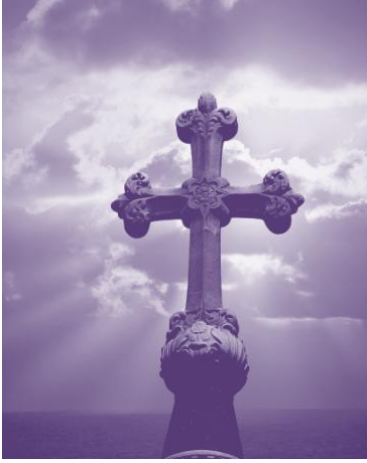


Jude Thaddeus

“They were Called”



“Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14: 22-24 King James Version

“I am Jude and I bring you a peace that can only be found through knowing Christ as your personal Saviour. “I have written a very short letter about what I learned from Jesus and His teaching. I know that you and I are God’s chosen people. Oh, you don’t have to be one picked out by Christ physically.

“As a young man I followed Christ and learned many things. I questioned our Lord and wanted to know how His work was going to get to all the people. He told me that if a person loved Him and kept His word they would someday live with Him in Heaven. That is all we are asked to do. As I studied the law that we had been given and learned about Moses and others, I realized that it is only through the grace of God that we can someday be with Him.

“I do have a warning to you though that there will be people who will scoff at you and tell you they are doing fine and don’t need your God. They don’t want to do what is right and don’t want you to do what is right. Remember that one doing wrong often wants someone else to do it with him because then it makes it seem right somehow psychologically to them.

“Do you ever question things? Is it wrong to question? Sometimes I used to think that it was. As I listened to Jesus, I found out that He questioned things at times. I remember that fateful night in Gethsemane when He asked to have the cup He was about to receive taken from Him, but then He added ‘If it be Thy will.’ God knew that the people on this earth wouldn’t listen unless they were filled with the Holy Spirit and the only way for that to happen was for Christ to be crucified and the Holy Spirit come and fill us so that we could live according to His purpose and go out into the world and tell others. Even today, I am sure you question and can’t quite conceive in your minds what Heaven will be like.

“I can’t say often enough that there are people out there that will infiltrate your world just as they did in the times when I walked with Christ. I have called them puffs of smoke that push by and strip whatever they can find that is good. I tell you friends, keep this most holy faith and pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit. If you stand tall in His presence yours will be the glory, the majesty, the strength, and the love from God now and forever.”

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the wonderful gift of eternal life, through Your only Son whom You sent so that we could some day share eternity with You. Help us to show this love to others by our words, actions, and deeds as we live each day on this earth. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen

1. Why is it so difficult to accept this free gift from a very loving Heavenly Father?
2. How can questioning strengthen our faith?
3. Can we be depended on to do the job?
4. Do you ever wonder how we can inherit eternal life by just believing and doing God’s work?

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