

**THE MESSAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

## Jude 3

## INTRODUCTION

- A. 27 books divided into 4 sections.
  - 1. 4 accounts of the one Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.
  - 2. Acts tells how to become a Christian.
  - 3. Romans to Jude tell how to live the Christian life.
  - 4. Revelation shows that Christ and the church victorious.
- B. The purpose of our lesson is to define and discuss the purpose of the NT message.

## DISCUSSION

## I. WHY THE FOUR ACCOUNTS?

- A. Matthew – written to the Jews. Shows that Christ has “all power” (MT 28:18). Jesus is the Savior (MT 1:21).
- B. Mark – written to the Romans. Shows the power and majesty of the Christ. The key word “straightway” (MK 1:21 – found 40 times).
- C. Luke – Written to the Greeks. Shows the marching orders of NT Christianity. Key verses are LK 2:44, 49.
- D. John – Written to everyone. John was a special friend to the Christ. Key verse is JN 14:6. Stresses the Deity of Christ. JN 20:30-31 is the summary of the Gospel according to John. JN 10:10. JN 8:12 is the summary of all four accounts of the Gospel.
- E. The purpose of the 4 Gospel accounts is to CONVINCe.
  - 1. JN 20:30-31.
  - 2. Jesus emphasized importance of these works in connection with His Deity. JN 4:48; 5:36; 10:24, 25, 32, 33, 37, 38; 11:45; Cf. 3:2; 15:24, 25.

## II. ACTS.

- A. This is a book of the history of the church from Jerusalem to Rome (1:8). It is a book of conversions and non-conversions.
- B. In the books of Acts we seek the Apostolic Commission being carried out. MT 28:18-20; MT 16:15-20; LK 24:44-49. This book tells us the how and what of the plan of redemption and the beginning of the church of Christ.
- C. Key verse is Acts 4:12.
- D. Acts 8:4 helps us to understand the book of Acts. Acts 1:8 outlines the book.
- E. Acts 5:42.
- F. Three points to consider from the book of Acts.
  - 1. Establishment of the church.
  - 2. How to become a Christian.
  - 3. The historical background of the church.
- G. The greatest narrative of the NT is found in the last 9 chapters of the book of Acts.
- H. The purpose of the book of Acts is to CONVERT.

## III. ROMAN – JUDE. (The Epistles).

- A. The purpose of the Epistles is to CONFIRM.
  - 1. Acts 15:30-32.
  - 2. These NT Christians needed divine guidance and strength – therefore Romans to Jude. The church copied portions of the Scriptures – Acts 15:23, 30. The church at Colossae made a copy for the church at Laodicea – CO 3:16. It was common practices for the church to exchange their epistles. CO 4:16; 2 TH 2:15; 3:14. Silas served as the scribe for Peter – 1 PE 5:12. Silas was a prophet – Acts 15:32. Tertius served as the scribe for Paul – RO 16:22.

3. 1 TH 5:27.
4. 2 TH 2:14-17.
5. 2 PE 1:15.
6. Purpose of the Word of God is found in Acts 20:32.

B. The Epistles.

Romans – key verse is 1:16.

1 Corinthians – problems in the church –key verse 3:11.

2 Corinthians – Paul defends his true apostleship – 3:5; 4:13; 5:7; 7:10; 8:5; 9:15; 13:14 – key verse 8:9.

Galatians – shows that we are no longer under the OT Law of Moses –key verse 2:21.

Ephesians – God’s eternal purpose is Christ and His church – key verse 3:21.

Philippians – Challenge of Christ – 2:5 – key verse 4:4.

Colossians – Christ is the center of our life – key verses 1:27; 2:10; 3:16-17.

1 & 2 Thessalonians – Second coming of the Christ – departure from truth – exhort to faithfulness – key verse in 1 TH 5:2 – 2 TH 1:7-9.

1, 2, Timothy and Titus – Five teachings:

1. Qualification of elders.
2. Preach the Word.
3. Keep the church pure.
4. Our lives are to be examples.
5. Rebuke false teachers.

Key verses – 1 TI 3:5; 2 TI 2:11; TS 1:2.

Philemon – Strengthen babes in Christ – key verse 6.

Hebrews – Supremacy of Christ and the NT over Moses and the OT – key verse 7:26.

James – most practical book of the NT – teaches how to live daily as a Christian in everyday life – key verse 4:17.

1 Peter – key verse 4:16.

2 Peter – key verse 3:18.

1 John – God is love – 4:8; man is a sinner – 3:4.

2 John – key verse 9.

3 John – key verse 4.

Jude – key verses 3 and 21.

IV. THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

A. Key verses 2:10; 14:13.

B. The purpose of the book of revelation is to CONSOLE. 2:10; 3:5; 6:9-11, cf. MT 10:28; 7:13-17 (Victory in Jesus); 12:7-11; 21:1-7; 22:14.

CONCLUSION

A. The purpose of the NT is to CONVINCe, CONVERT, CONFIRM, and CONSOLE.

B. The question to us is simple – “Have I obeyed the teachings of the NT?”