## The Salvation Army Grays Harbor Corps Bible Study – February 12, 2018

## Jude

How does Jude describe the people he is writing this letter to? [1]

What did Jude intend to write to them about? and what did he change his subject to? [3] What prompted that change? [4]

How does Jude describe those who have "slipped in" -- what error(s) did they make? [4]

What three examples does Jude give of God punishing sin, even in the lives of those He has chosen as His favored ones? [5-7]

Returning to those who have "slipped in", what three errors do they commit (and promote)? and what authority do they have for their teaching? [8-10]

What are the three examples of sin and judgment that Jude mentions in verse 11?

Verses 12-13 and 16 again describe the false teachers; what should we watch out for to avoid being deceived by their false teachings?

Now Jude again turns his attention to his readers, first with a final warning to watch out for the false teachers; what does he tell them to watch for? [17-19]

Jude's final instructions for his readers includes at least six commands. What does he urge them to do in response to the threat of false teachers? [20-22]

What do we learn about our status before God in Jude's famous benediction in verses 24 and 25?

**Next week:** Revelation chapters 4, 5, 21, and 22.

From the Easy English Bible commentary: < https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/jude-lbw.htm>

The 'wicked men' are false teachers. They may have travelled from place to place. Nobody noticed when they came among Jude's readers. Their wrong ideas were a danger to the \*faith. These were the errors in their teaching:

- They were taking wrong advantage of God's \*mercy. They used it as an excuse to behave in any way that they liked. They were like some Christians that Paul described (Romans 6:1). They said that God loves to forgive. So wicked behaviour makes it possible for God to show even more of his \*grace.
- They said that the human body is evil. So, it does not matter how you use it. They denied Jesus and his words by the wicked way in which they lived.
- They denied that Jesus had a real human body. They said that he could not be hungry or need to drink. He did not feel pain.
- They said that Jesus was not one with God.
- They claimed to have special knowledge of the way to God. They were superior to ordinary Christians, who could not have this same knowledge.