

**Sermon Title:** DISTINCTIVE TRAITS OF A CHRISTIAN

**Date:** May 4, 2025, 2025 - Jude 1:1-2

Central Idea: The Bible teaches that God will punish the unbeliever and preserve the believer. Are you aware of this truth?

Introduction:

Like James, Jude was the half-brother of Jesus. This brief letter exhibits his commitment to radical faith and obedience.

Jude wrote his letter to correct errors in the early church, characterizing the Christians to whom he is writing. God can punish unbelievers while at the same time preserving believers.

The following important points carry great doctrinal meaning.

I. The three-fold description of the Christian, v. 1

1. The called ones
2. The beloved ones
3. The kept ones

II. The three-fold blessing for the Christian, v. 2

1. God's mercy
2. God's peace
3. God's love

Conclusion:

Apostasy is present in the world and in the church—and it will get worse. These are not easy times in which to live. Christians are surrounded by everything which opposes the lifestyle God desires us to follow.

God protects and delivers the godly who find themselves living in an ungodly culture doomed to destruction. We are secure in Jesus Christ, and He will not lose any of us!