JUDE 24, 25. Sunday Morning Class Johnaosn City, Tex August 22, 1976

INTRODUCTION: The letter closes with a doxology To Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. <u>Doxology:</u> Greek...Opinion or Glory.
An expression of Praise

to God.

#### JUDE AFFIRMS TO THINGS OF CHRIST'S ABILITY:

1. He is ablt to you from falling: Stumbling.

2. Christ's ability to set his followers "faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

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#### TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING ... STUMBLING R. V. READS:

#### 1. STUMBLING:

1. An act to be distinguished from falling.

2. STumbling may be a step short of falling

3. Stumbling is a condition precedent to falling.

4. Often times we stumble as a child and even fall down.

1. We need to be helped up, put on our feet. Gal. 6:1

5. It follows that if one never stumbles he will never fall.

### 2. THE IMPOSSIBILTY OF APOSTASY:

1. This passage does not teach impossibility of apostasy.

2. The <u>Sevenfold duty of Christians</u>, our lesson for last Sunday, among other things states:

1. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." Jude 21 2. Examples: 1 Cor. 10:5, 12-13; 2 Tim 3:13-15

2.

# CHRIST'S ABILITY TO SET US BEFORE THE THRONE:

- 1. The American Standard reads: "to set" you before the throne.
  - The verb "to set" means literally "to cause to stand."
  - This the Lord will do for those who are faithful to the end.
    - 1. We will be faultless: Ephesians 5:25-27
    - 2. In this we see what Christ will do for the Church:
      - 1. He will make it a glorious church.
      - Not a mere deliverance but a deliverance with exceeding joy.

3. The church will be:

1. Without spot: Every stain of sin vanished.

2. Without wrinkle: All marks of age, weariness and troubles have passed

away.

3. As a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:2; "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

## JUDE'S ASCRIPTION TO GOD: Jude 25

1. THE FOURFOLD QUALITY:

1. GLORY: The manifestation of his excellence.in the past, present, and wonderous future.

2. MAJESTY: Which cinsists in royal state: His majesty. The King ETC.

3. DOMION: Supreme over all: People and things.

4. POWER: Whereby he can realize the counsels of his own will...

And his right to our eternal adoration and seervice.

THE THREEFOLD TIME OF GOD: Jude 25

1. BEFORE ALL TIME: Jesus was in the beginning with God. John 1:1

2. NOW: We are to adore him now for what he has done for his people and for what he will do.

3. FOREVER: After the salvation of his people is completed he still be worthy of adoration.

Such adoration is the close of Jude's short letter and such should be the close of our life-work.

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