## "Hold Fast the Integrity of the Gospel" Jude 1:5-7

"We need to be reminded regularly of the power of the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:18 & 30). We need to contend for the purity of the gospel, both practically and doctrinally. The world, the flesh, and the Devil, tempt us continually to adopt different priorities other than contending for the purity of the gospel. There is a massive difference between knowing something and understanding the seriousness and significance of something, namely the gospel."

- "Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it...."
  - The purity of the gospel is seen in a transformed life (1 John 2:1-3). Everything that we need to walk according to His Word has been given to us in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:21).
    - Christians do not grumble and Christians do not doubt the validity of God's Word and His promises; this is the gospel light (Philippians 2:14-16).
    - Christians do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count the needs of others more significant than their own. The world knows we are Christ's disciples by this kind of love towards one another (Philippians 2:3-4; John 13:34-35).
    - Christians have faith in God through suffering as a sign to unbelievers so that they can see that they are lost and that we are saved (Philippians 1:27-29).
    - Christians pursue Christ above all other pursuits and interests. Christians show the value and worth of Christ by being committed to Christ for His glory by going to Church, praying, reading and memorizing God's Word, fellowshipping, and using their gifts (Philippians 3:7-9). We do this to glorify God, to enjoy God, and to show the lost and remind the brothers, the worth of Christ.
    - Christians are not fearful, worrisome, or anxious. But instead we cry out to our God who hears us and cares for us, and thank Him and trust Him (Phillipians 4:6-7).
    - Christians are content and obey in any circumstance or situation because we have Christ. We want the world to know the sufficiency of Christ (Phillipians 4:9 & 11-13).
- Why is there so much importance on the purity of the gospel? Because of the consequences of rejecting God's Word/the Gospel (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6 & 10). Rebellion against God never succeeds, never.
  - God showed His power to the Jewish people by rescuing them from Egypt (Exodus 14:30-31) and for those that did not have faith in God, they were destroyed (Jude 1:5).
  - The angels (Genesis 6:1-4) clearly saw God's power and glory and disobeyed Him and are now kept in eternal chains for their disobedience (Jude 1:6).
  - The Gentiles of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:23-29) were judged by God because of unrepentant sin and the outcome of their unrepentant sin was eternal fire (Jude 1:7).

Worship: Psalm 18 (Citizens) What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists)

Speak O Lord (The Gettys) Closing Song: Holy Holy (Sovereign Grace Music)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

## **Announcements:**

- \*Volunteers: We have a couple of wonderful opportunities for our church members to get involved in serving our church body:
  - 1. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!
  - 2. SET-UP/TEAR-DOWN MINISTRY: We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the set-up and tear-down of the facility for the worship services. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions, please talk to Hunter!
- \*Members Meeting: We will be having a meeting on Sunday, July 25th, immediately following the worship service. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30-40 minutes.
- \*Communion: We will be partaking of communion together next week, Sunday, July 18th.
- **\*Fellowship Dinner:** We will be having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, July 18th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something. We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

| Account Balance: \$44,477.45<br>May Balance: \$43,960.63 | Weekly Budget: \$3,200.50 |
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| Actual Tithe: June 6                                     | \$5,167                   |
| Actual Tithe: June 13                                    | \$1,182                   |
| Actual Tithe: June 20                                    | \$1,696                   |
| Actual Tithe: June 27                                    | \$2,746                   |