

## Contending for the Faith, Part 2

### Jude 1:5-7

Reviewing the first teaching of Jude.

- There are people who claim the knowledge of God, but never come to true repentance and faith.
- They deny Jesus as the only way of salvation.
- Their stories all end with destruction.
- They twist grace to mean that everyone is forgiven.

Twisted grace creates the prevalent belief that because of God's love, He cannot destroy us without forsaking His character.

Twisted grace becomes so artificial that a God of love cannot render justice and a God of justice cannot be loving.

God's love and justice is best understood through the death of Christ!

Jude gives three examples of a destruction that were once common knowledge among everyone in the ancient world.

- Example #1 – The Hebrews who were delivered out of Egypt were destroyed in the wilderness.
- Example #2 – The angels who forsook their designated spiritual realm are imprisoned waiting for the final judgment.
- Example #3 – The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

What did Jesus teach about eternity and how did He describe hell?

- Hell is separation from God. Matthew 7:23
- Hell is a place of unquenchable fire. Mark 9:42-49
- A place where the maggot does not die. Mark 9:48
- It is a place of outer darkness. Matthew 8:12
- There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 8:12
- Hell is eternal. Matthew 25:41
- Hell was not prepared for you, but for the devil. Matthew 25:41
- God doesn't want you to go there. 2 Peter 3:9