

THE DISCERNING AND STEADFAST DISCIPLE

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Vision: Manifesting
Christ in Many Ways
to Many People

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. 4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. Jude 3-4

Jude makes a distinction between two groups of people:

- God's holy people - share salvation and have been entrusted with the faith; a set apart people
- Ungodly people - pervert the grace of God and deny Jesus

The ungodly endeavor to change what has been clearly defined in Scripture about God, about His law, about His will, about His way.

God's grace is the bestowing of His mercy and the withholding of His judgment upon us because He placed it upon Jesus who willingly took our penalty of sin.

- God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

When people seek to redefine creation, redefine morality, redefine God, they do so to give themselves a license to be their own god. It is why repentance is the first requirement to receive salvation - God's grace. The ungodly are unrepentant.

25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. - 2 Timothy 2:25-26

Jude exposes the fruit of those who seek to pervert the grace of God:

16 These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage. 17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

- Grumblers
- Faultfinders
- Following their own will
- Boastful & Flatters

Jude exposes the aim of those who seek to pervert the grace of God:

They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. - Jude 4

- A license for immorality
Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10
- Deny Jesus Christ
You used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. Romans 6:19
- Scoff at the truth
- Divide you

Jude exposes the means of their work (the ungodly):

- Following natural instincts - the work of the flesh (they do not have the Spirit)
When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:8-15
- The work of the flesh will always seek to justify itself.
- The work of the flesh will not be led.
- The work of the flesh will glory in itself.

Jude instructs us on how to respond to the ungodly:

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

- Be discerning
- Be steadfast
- Look to "him who is able"

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS, GO (OUTREACH))**

GATHER

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST - 9A + 11A - TRUTH OVER TREND

Trends, beliefs, and ideas come and go, and everyone – both those inside and outside the church – is influenced by them. As disciples of Jesus, we should look to the Scriptures, not culture, for direction and purpose. This series will explore how God instructs us to be set-apart nonconformists, transformed by Him while at the same time engaging our culture and cities with the hope of the gospel. We commit to believing the TRUTH over TREND.

GROUP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Groups are off for the summer, but will be meeting again for a new session all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

GROW

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - 6P - 9:30P - SATURDAY AUGUST 12 - 8:30P - 5:30P - GENERATIONS RETREAT

At Dwelling Place Church, we want to facilitate a reconciliation of the generations by offering you the opportunity to participate in an intergenerational retreat (middle school-senior adults). The cost is \$10 per person with snacks and lunch provided. Find out more information at the Next Steps table and register to join us for this incredible weekend!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR FALL SEMESTER OF GROWTH PHASES

Sign up now to join us for our next session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

GIVE

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

GO

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR CITY IN THE COMING WEEKS!



If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com