

“To those who are

---Called (by the Holy Spirit)

---Loved (sanctified) by God the Father

---Preserved in Jesus Christ

---Jude's original intent—to write of their salvation

---necessary (needful)--compelling, constraining on him

---exhorting--pleading, urging, beseeching

---contend earnestly--”contend with intensity and  
determination

---the Faith—the body of doctrine revealed by God, the  
apostolic teachings. Examples:

- creation by God in 6 normal (24 hour) days
- total depravity of all men
- unconditional election of specific sinners by God
- particular redemption by Jesus Christ
- irresistible grace (calling of Holy Spirit) to salvation
- preservation (and perseverance) of the saints
- substitutionary atonement of Christ
- absolute sovereignty of God

---once for all delivered to the saints—a settled condition

1. Ungodly—“destitute of reverential awe toward God”  
(Thayer)

2. Turn the grace of our God into lewdness—antinomian

3. Deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ

Chiasmus is a special type of inverted parallelism. Inverted parallelism has the pattern

A B B' A'

(with an even number of elements), but chiasmus has the pattern

A B C B' A'

(with an odd number of elements). Thus the special feature of chiasmus is that it has a single central element, which is the focus of the structure. The effect is to draw the reader (or hearer) from the ends toward the middle, where the main point of the passage lies. The parallel elements that surround the central elements share the same themes or even the same vocabulary. A catchword or phrase in A, for example, is likely to be repeated in A'. The parallel elements, however, may be connected thematically or conceptually without explicit verbal connection.

(D. McClinister, JETS, 1996), quoted by J.L. Smith

## JUDE CHIASMUS

- a. Jude serves our Savior, Jesus Christ (1a)
- b. Beloved in God and kept for Jesus Christ (1b)
- c. Mercy, love and salvation (2-3a)
- d. Contend for the faith (3b)
- e. Prophecies from the Old Testament (4-11)
- f. False teachers described (12-13)
- g. CHRIST IS COMING TO JUDGE THE UNGODLY (14-15)
- f'. False teachers described (16)
- e'. Prophecies from the New Testament (17-19)
- d'. Build yourselves up in the faith (20)
- c'. Mercy, love and salvation (21-23)
- b'. Kept by God and presented to Jesus Christ (24)
- a'. Jude praises God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ (25)

GENESIS 9:6—first chiasmus in Scripture

Whoever sheds                      the blood                      of man,

by man                              shall his blood                      be shed.

Contrasting true saints and false teachers

Addressees

holy/holiness  
(vv. 3, 20, 24)

await mercy  
(vv. 2, 21, 22-23)

in fear  
(v. 23)

unblemished  
(v. 24)

pray in the Spirit  
(v. 20)

build up  
(v. 20)

are saved  
(v. 25)

honor God  
(vv. 24-25)

Opponents/scoffers

godlessness  
(vv. 4, 15, 18)

await judgment  
(vv. 4, 6, 9, 15)

fearlessness  
(v. 12)

defiled/stained  
(vv. 8, 12, 23)

do not have the Spirit  
(v. 19)

divide  
(v. 19)

are destroyed  
(vv. 5, 11)

challenge God  
(vv. 4, 17)

## RESPONDING TO JUDE

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Holiness/Edification | 20-21 |
| 2. Evangelism           | 22-23 |
| 3. Doxology/Praise      | 24-25 |