

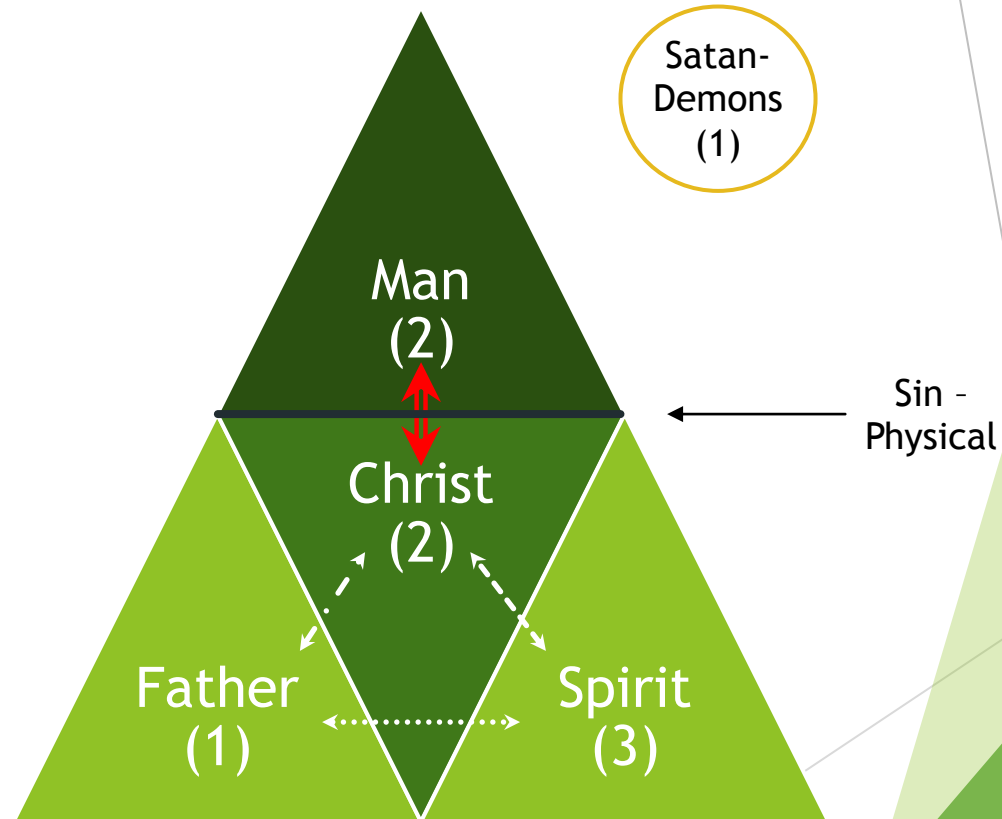
Jude 17 - Grumbling Malcontent Sinners

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Jude 15-16

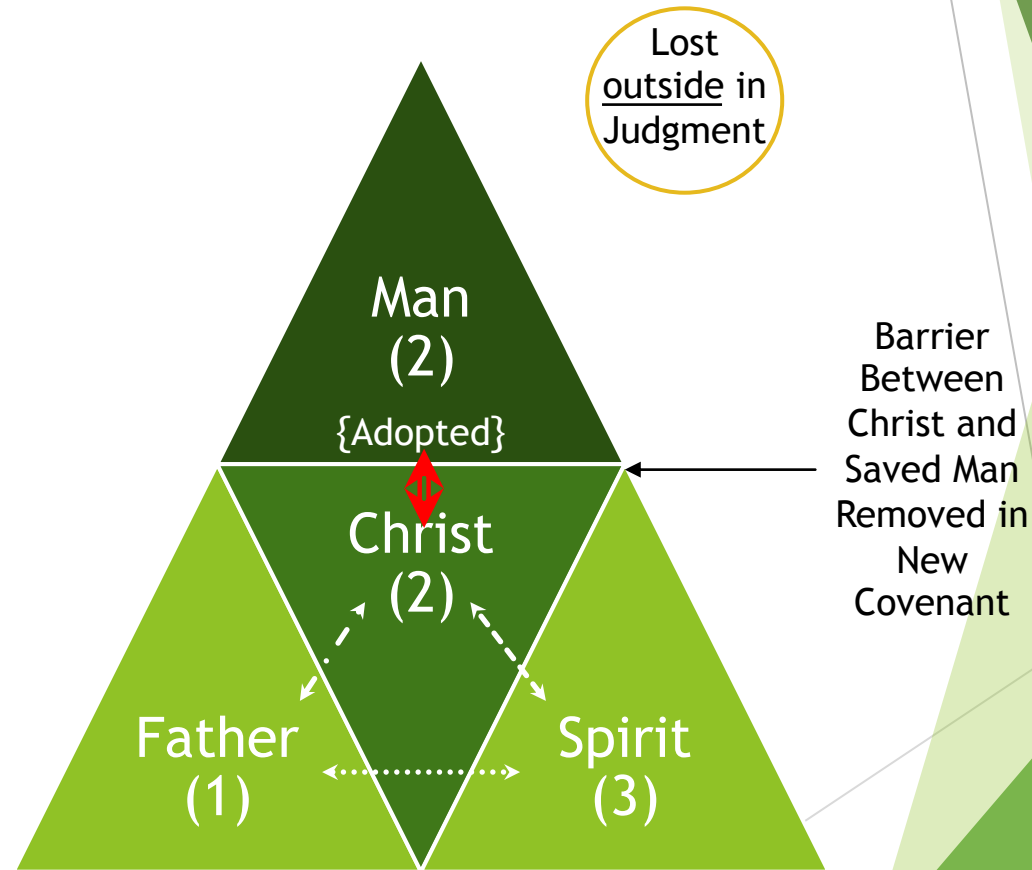
Prologue - Biblical Relationships: Sin - Gnosticism Bypasses Christ

- ▶ Christ Creator of ALL; i.e., Heaven
(Jn 1:3; Col 1:16)
- ▶ Father-Spirit-Angels-Satan/Demons are spirits; Man-Son are Physical
(Jn 4:23-24; He 1:14)
- ▶ Man and this Creation built on spiritual foundation (He 11:3)
- ▶ Man sinned creation fell; but sin & physical **not** conflated; inferior
(Ge 3:1-8; Ro 8:19-22; 1Ti 2:14)
- ▶ Christ intercessor (High Priest) by His Blood between God & Man:
(Jn 14:6; 1Ti 2:5)
- ▶ Gnosticism appeals to *higher spiritual knowing* bypassing Christ; Man aspiring to be spirit {Evolution}



Prologue - Jude's Guiding Mission: Warning Against False Teachers

- ▶ Jude's quote is not eschatological but explains Christ's judgment for the Lost at His coming
(Mt 25:31-46; Lk 12:35-40)
 - ▶ Jude warns False Teachers that judgment is historical and future
 - ▶ Imminent; may occur at any moment (1Co 15:50-58)
- ▶ Their Mission: Destroy Christ's body
- ▶ Our Mission: Faithfulness to His body and His Gospel (He 3:6-15)
 - ▶ We are to wait faithfully for His coming; do not be lured into sensational lies as many... (Mt 24:23-27)



Thrice Ungodly: Total Depravity

- ▶ Jude depicts the Total Depravity of ALL Sinners; also, False Teachers (Lk 6:43-45)
 - ▶ Sinners build their Worldviews deliberately excluding Christ (Ro 1:18-28)
 - ▶ Sinner's *every expression* antithetical to Christ but for self: Sin (Ro 3:10-18; Ro 14:23b)
 - ▶ Sinner's naturally hate Christ and believers evidenced by persecution (He 11:32-39)
- ▶ False Teachers a subset of Sinners *groomed* to turn Churches into worldly religiosity centers espousing the latest, yet the same, antichrist views (Ep 4:11-14)
 - ▶ Higher Criticism; Social Gospel; Social Justice; Apologetics; Wokeness (1Jo 2:18-20)
 - ▶ Birthing various Christendom and *extra*-church evangelical movements: Jehovah's Witnesses; Mormons; Christian Science; Charles Finney; D.L. Moody; Billy Sunday; Billy Graham; Aimee McPherson; Oral Roberts; and the list goes on...and on...
 - ▶ Paul sent out by Antioch Church to *plant* churches; accountability which these movements lack(ed); hence, Christ never knew them (Mt 7:21-23)

Characteristics of Sinners: Grumblers, Malcontents & Lusts

- ▶ All Sinners led by their Lusts as they cannot Control the Flesh: Sin Nature rebels against ALL authorities but enslaved by Sin-Satan (Ro 8:5-8; Ja 1:14-15; 1Jo 2:15-16)
 - ▶ Satan-World System-Flesh build a worldview without God; except God does exist, He *gives them up* to futility until coming Judgment (Ep 4:17-24)
 - ▶ Asebeia {Ungodly} Triad cannot annul God; therefore, they ignore God via logical fallacies: False Dilemmas, *Ad Hominems*, etc. violating the Laws of Logic: Identity; Excluded Middle; Non-Contradiction; & Inference: Nihilism and Incoherence
- ▶ Sinners *hate* Christ which produces common characteristics
 - ▶ Grumblers - Gossipers, backbiters, etc.; acid on metal to weaken and twist it to their own vision: Critical Theory-Race Theory: Wokeness {Balaam}
 - ▶ Malcontents - Never satisfied {Covetousness} Rebels, always wanting what God has gnot iven {Adam; Cain; Meribah; Korah} (Col 3:5; 1Ti 2:14)

Characteristics of Sinners: Boasters Showing Favoritism

- ▶ While Boasters recalls loud, empty braggarts, these also include politicians, pastors, others vying for leadership or simply the person who *always* claims to have a better alternative (in their own minds): Causes Divisions!
 - ▶ Absalom, quietly at first, boasted that if he were king he could do better; he swayed enough malcontents to back his rebellion against his father (2Sa 15:1-12)
 - ▶ Rehoboam, Solomon's son, more brash, did not gain the backing of tribal leaders rebelling against their own choice: Rebellion, as God said (1Sa 8:9-20; 1Ki 11:9-13; 12:1-17)
- ▶ Favoritism cultivates other's malcontentness, their lust-desire, to support the False Teacher's agenda; ultimately, they receive far less (Ge 3:1-8; Re 20:11-15)
 - ▶ Satan appealed to Adam's malcontentness; he passed to Cain: Government (1Ti 2:14)
 - ▶ Immature have not developed discernment to understand evil; they accept their evil and reject God's good: Do not be this Christian! Study to be approved (1Co 3; 2Ti 2:15-16; He 5:11-14)