

The Unchanging Call



WHAT DO YOU SEE?



SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

Book of Jude: **V1-7: Unnoticed compromise**

V3-4 The camouflage of compromise

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed

V5-7 The consequence of compromise

5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who **did not believe**.

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but **abandoned their proper abode**, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in **gross immorality and went after strange flesh**, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.



Compromise of Unbelief

Compromise of Rebellion

Compromise of Sexual Immorality

Book of Jude: **V8-16: Unheard corruption**

V8-10: Continuation into corruption

V11-13 Forms without substance

11 Woe to them! For they have **gone the way of Cain**,
and for pay they have rushed headlong into the **error of Balaam**,
and perished in the **rebellion of Korah**.

V14-16 God will judge the corrupted



***I can't be wrong!
Money can't be wrong!
Leaders must be wrong!***

***Good theology never
results in bad
behaviour.***



There are all kinds of Christians.
These individuals are already among us ie *compromised and corrupted*.

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Who are we?

- 1 Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, **beloved in God the Father**, and kept for Jesus Christ:
- 3 **Beloved**, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation
- 17 But you, **beloved**, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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Unchanging Call : to be different

Overview of Jude : Contend for our faith

V1-7 Unnoticed Compromise

V8-16 Unheard Corruption

V17-21 Unchanging Call

V22-25 Ultimate Comfort

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Matt6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.**

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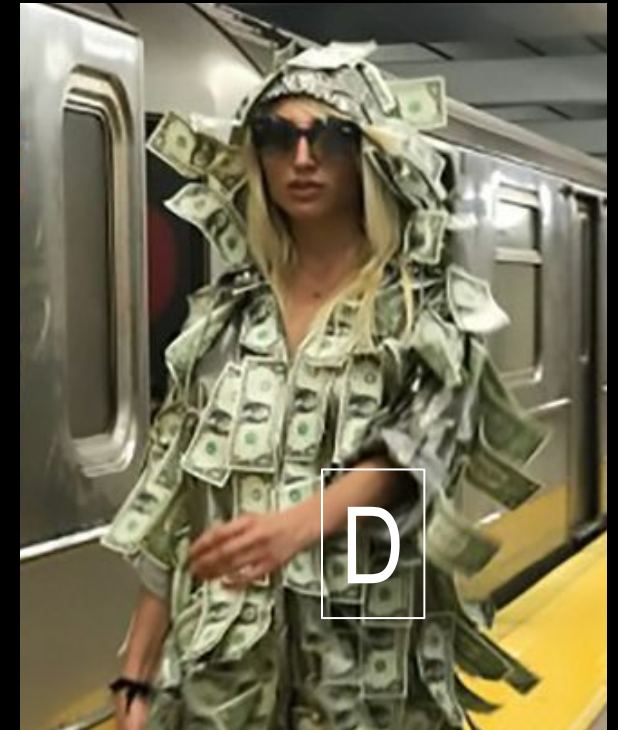
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V18 ...own ungodly lusts.

Rom 8:9.... But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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- Be Perfected
- How?

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 - **Matt 7:24** *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”*

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Type of response	<u>Hears and acts</u>	Hears and does not act
Type of foundation	Built on rock	Built on sand
Type of calamity	Rain fell, floods came, winds blew, slammed against the house.	Rain fell, floods came, winds blew, slammed against the house
Type of outcome	Did not fall.	Great was its fall.

Your response to the Word determines the outcome of your life.

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3. TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR ALTAR

*He repaired the altar of the Lord,
which had been torn down.*

1 Kings 18:30

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Definition for “Praying in the Holy Spirit”

Praying in the Spirit does not refer to the words we are saying. Rather, it refers to how we are praying. Praying in the Spirit is praying according to the Spirit’s leading. It is praying for things the Spirit leads us to pray for. The prayers are initiated and governed by the Holy Spirit.

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 - Eph6:18 With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

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 - Rom8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received **a spirit of adoption** as sons by which we **cry out, “Abba! Father!”**
 - Rom 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes** for us with **groanings too deep for words;**

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When we don't move in the Spirit, we are moving in the Flesh.

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How to pray in the Holy Spirit?

1. Trust God for the Holy Spirit
2. Truth guided prayers

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*Prov14: 34 Righteousness
exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to
any people.*

Jer 29:7 Seek the welfare of the city *where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'*

Pray for the welfare of the city:

1. Marriages will be based on God's divine plan of one man and one woman
2. The church will continue to represent God's ideal for marriages and families
3. The government will always be surrounded by sound counsel and good judgement
4. The ideals of inclusiveness will not be misplaced to include rebellion against God

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John 15:10 If you keep My commandments, **you will abide in My love**; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

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How to keep ourselves in His love:

1. Do not love the world.

1Jn2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2. Do love Him.

1Jn4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

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SUMMARY – Return to the Basics

Actions	Contrasted to	Remarks
Building up (Hears + Acts)	Compromise and Corruption	The Self must die (how to build up the most holy faith)
Pray in the Spirit (Trust + Truth)	No spirit (Devoid of the Spirit)	The Spirit must lead
Keep in the Love of God (Love God not the world)	Lust and Sensuality (Worldly)	The Savior's love must be kept
Wait for the mercy (Humble Before God)	PRIDE (Divisive)	The SALVATION must be IN CHRIST

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A different kind of disciple

Former HCI students want school to suspend sexuality education workshop



1 of 2 Former students of Hwa Chong Institution have started a petition on Wednesday calling for the school to suspend a sexuality education workshop offered by Focus On The Family Singapore. -- PHOTO: ST FILE

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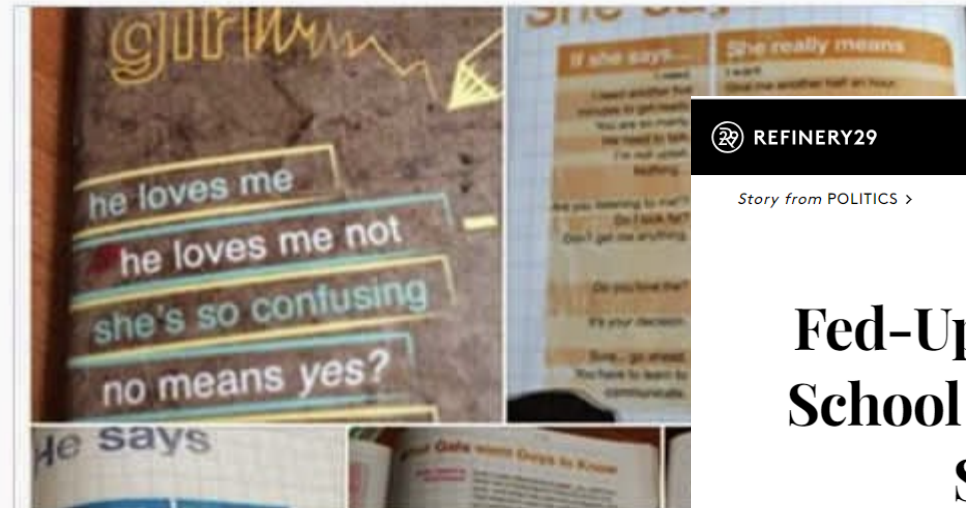
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This latest move comes after a current HCI student, 17-year-old Agatha Tan, said in an open



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