

The Epistle of Jude

Lesson 2

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Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James,

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. (ESV)

- **Servant** = bond-servant, **See:** Titus 1:1, Philippians 2:7
- **Called** = called by the Gospel to faith in Christ Jesus. **See:** 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 (cf. Luther's Small Catechism, 3rd Article)
- **Beloved in connection with God the Father** = having been reconciled to God, sinners are beloved; the shared relationship between Jude and his readers is in connection with God as father through Jesus Christ. **See:** John 1:12-13, 3:16
- **Kept for** (by, in) **Jesus Christ** = kept (protect, guard), an action that is done with abiding results **See:** 1 Peter 1:3-5
- **Mercy** = *eleos* (cf. Sunday Lenten series)
- **Peace** = that surpasses all understanding, as Jesus gives
- **Love** = *agape*

Peter also speaks of grace and peace being multiplied to his readers (2 Peter 1:2).

What is the sense of having these things multiplied? (be yours in abundance)

What is the purpose/value for this multiplication?