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Jude 1:15, *“To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”*

The book of Jude is one of the shortest books in the Bible and only has one chapter. Yet Jude uses the term “ungodly” more than any other New Testament book. Jude uses “ungodly” six times and four of those times occur in the above verse.

The online Oxford dictionary of English defines “ungodly” as “irreligious or immoral.” The definition is short and to the point. The Greek word translated “ungodly” is defined as “destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious.”

The most basic of English speakers know that to put the prefix “un” in front of the word means “it’s the opposite of what follows.” To be godly is to fear, revere and serve God. Ungodly is the opposite. Let’s look at the six times Jude uses “ungodly” and how he uses it.

Jude 1:4, *“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were*

before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” This verse talks about people coming in among the saints and turning what God had given them into doing whatever they wanted. They crept in unaware. They then taught things that were wrong and even denied the LORD Jesus Christ. We must always be vigilant and watchful and make sure that others do not creep in among us. To teach what is not authorized in the Bible is ungodly.

Jude 1:15, *“To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”* In this verse Jude uses “ungodly” four times. He first talks about the ungodly among the people. There are ungodly people around us. Just a few moments with those of the world show just how ungodly people are. Spend just a minute or two online or watching television and you will see there is an abundance of those who are ungodly. Perhaps we even have the ungodly within our own homes. Anyone who is against God and spiritual things is ungodly.

Jude then refers to ungodly deeds. These are actions that are against the plain teachings of the Bible and therefore ungodly. Overt sins are obviously ungodly, but to attempt to serve and worship God in a way that He has not prescribed is ungodly. Both are ungodly deeds.

In talking about the ungodly deeds Jude talks about they have ungodly committed. The very actions of the ungodly are themselves ungodly. They go about doing that which is ungodly. They truly have ungodly lives and have become the fourth “ungodly” in the verse. They are ungodly sinners. By very definition a sinner is ungodly. But perhaps Jude is making the point that there are sinners who are so deeply in sin, they are not “just sinners.” They are ungodly sinners.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Jean Coffey, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Ken & Erin Davis, and Louise Greer.**

Sandy Duncan continues to recover from two knee surgeries to remove infection.

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No sinner is saved, but there are sinners who are seeking God and those who fall from time to time. I think Jude is talking about a degree of sinner which is so far from the LORD there is no hope. They are ungodly sinners.

All of us who meet to worship and are serving the LORD properly are sinners since we all sin from time to time. But I don't feel we are ungodly sinners. We are trying. Ungodly sinners don't care and even scoff at the thought of God and serving Him. This brings us to the final time Jude uses "ungodly."

Jude 1:18, "*How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*" It's clear from many passages in the New Testament that we are in the last times. We do not know when the LORD will return, but it's the last time in that this is the last age of how the Bible looks at time. The next great event is the returning of Jesus and then the judgment.

There are many mockers among us. People scoff and even laugh at following the Bible and the basic moral teachings therein. The things they desire and do are ungodly lusts. They desire the pleasures of this fleshly life, money, and not to have to give an account to the LORD. They lust for the things of this life, and their lusts are ungodly.

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Sunday, March 21, 2021		
Classes	—	—
Preaching	14	I Corinthians 12:12-31
Contribution	\$1112.00	
Evening	—	Revelation 7:1-17
Wednesday, March 24, 2021		
Classes	—	Psalms 18:1-50

Bible Quiz

The Lamb shall lead them where?

Last Week's Answer— Thunder (Revelation 6:1)

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It's interesting that in the Bible the number seven has always represented completeness and that which is holy. It's no accident that "ungodly" is mentioned six times. To be unholy can never attain that which is holy. Unholy will forever fall short of holy just as six will forever fall short of seven. I Peter 1:15-16, "¹⁵*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)