

KEPT BY JESUS CHRIST

Jude opens his Epistle with a four-fold description of a Church Age Believer (CAB)

(Jude 1) “Jude (nsm), a **bond-slave** (doulas / nsm) of Jesus Christ, and brother (nsm) of James, to those who are **called** (tois kletos / dplm), **beloved** (agapao / perf.p.ptc.dplm) in God the Father and **kept** (tereo / perf.p.ptc.dplm) for Jesus Christ.”

We will begin by reminding you of four important theological truths established in Jude 1 regarding every CAB’s grace salvation.

- The (dative plural masculine) of **Called, Beloved, and Kept** is used to identify the permanence of the 20 status privileges of grace salvation of every Church Age Believer (CAB).
- **Called** (tois kletos) is an articular noun while beloved and kept are perfect passive participles describing the permanence of grace salvation of every Church Age Believer (CAB). (2 Tim.1:9; 1 John 3:1).
- Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is permanently a **Beloved** in (en+locative of place in the plan of God Father) (Eph.1:4-8; 1 Thess.1:4-5).
- All the called and beloved of God **are kept** permanently by the Ascension-Session of Jesus Christ (instrumental of association of positional truth) (1 Cor.12:13; 2 Cor.5:17).

This lesson will study three basic principles of what it means for every Church Age Believer to be KEPT by Jesus Christ.

1. Jude opens his Epistle with a commonly held theological doctrine of the universal church that all Church Age Believers (CAB) are eternally kept by Jesus Christ (Jude 1).

The Epistle of Jude was to be circulated among the Christian churches.

The Greek word and grammar of **kept** (tereo / perf.p.ptc.dplm) establishes this theological doctrine.

Jude used 3 of the 20 status privileges of grace salvation to teach that they are kept, preserved, protected, or guarded by Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of God (Eph.1:18-23). [[SEE 50 Things FREE](#)]

2. The permanence of grace salvation is based on the person and work of Jesus Christ and not upon the believer.

It is given at the moment of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

For example, every CAB is given eternal life at the moment of grace salvation (John 3:18-18; 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13, 20) (Rom.5:8-10; John 10:28; 7:37-39; 2 Cor.5:17).

3. The divine purpose of Jude opening with the doctrine of kept by Jesus Christ was to give doctrinal assurance of the permanence of grace salvation.

There is a difference between the word of God regarding the permanence of grace salvation and the believer's assurance of it.

Assurance comes from faith in the word of God regarding it (John 5:39-40; 6:68; 20:31; 1 John 2:25).

Assurance is the responsibility of the CAB to believe it.

The CAB being "Kept" is the responsibility of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem is not the Lord's ability to keep the CAB but the CAB's failure to know and believe the truth about it.