## Ungodly Men Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Jude 1:3-4, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 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."

It would be wonderful if all men loved the Lord and his Word, but in reality there seem to be few who seriously try to live for the Lord. I certainly am no judge, and would not be fit to be one, but the evil that we see in our world shows the fact that God's Word is not kept by many people.

First there are the outright sinners who mock God and his church. They worship the flesh and the material things of this world. Telling themselves that there will be no judgment, and no hell, they live for today and what pleasures that they can obtain. They fail to realize that these pleasures are for the moment but they will fade away with time, then what's left? As one man told me, he was in his 80's, "I had to quit running around, (drinking,, gambling, chasing women, etc, etc,), but, I didn't want too. If he and others like him do not repent and come to the Lord there is only one future for them. They will not rest in a grave for eternity, but will exist in torment in the lake of fire. This is not a empty threat told to scare anyone, but a fact. This is what Jesus came to save us from.

Second, there is the religious sinner, commonly called the hypocrite, who mocks God and his church. This type person gives the impression of being a believer, but will live according to the flesh. While believing in God this type person can't, or will not, let go of the flesh. Is this what the scripture was referring to when speaking of the double minded man? Wanting to go two ways at once, not able to choose one clear path to walk and live in. A hypocrite can do some good works and feel good when praising the Lord, but still desire the lust of the world.

Perhaps this is the person who wants to hear the Word of God, but

only for a short time. He may watch the clock during the sermon and criticize the preacher if he goes past the normal quitting time. Going to church makes this person feel like they have sacrificed and endured a lot for the Lord. They are not usually steadfast in serving, or helping in doing the Lord's work. They think it ought to be done, just not by them, because the are not really interested and because it would take them away from the things that they want to do.

Yes, there are ungodly men in this world and which ever kind they are, they resist the Lord and what he stands for. This adds to the opposition that the true believer faces in this life. The Christian has to deal with his own trials and problems, and also the discouraging things going on in the world. Contend for the faith is the admonition of Jude and is necessary for each of us. Christians need to stand for the truth and not to fall for the things of the world. **Psalms 107:2**, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; The world will pass, but the truth will not. Jesus is the truth and the way to life eternal." **John 14:6**, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me."

