

Communion

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REMEMBER THE
DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES

JUDE 24–25

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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Man is rather limited and can only exist in a narrow realm without help, assistance or equipment.
- B. This is especially true when it comes to escaping the effect of our sin and coming to live in God's presence in Heaven.
- C. On our own we are powerless and in fact being in God's presence while still in our sin is the last place we'd want to be.
- D. But Jesus has made all the difference. (Jude 24–25)

Communion reminds us of the death of Jesus and the difference He makes in each of our lives when we believe.

II. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE WHO WERE ONCE FORBIDDEN CAN NOW, IN CHRIST, STAND IN HIS GLORIOUS PRESENCE WITH JOY. (JUDE 24–25)

- A. The Jews at Mt. Sinai learned that being in God's presence while still in your sin and rebellion can be a terrifying experience. (Exodus 19:10–13, 16–25; 20:18–21)
- B. The people sensed their need for a mediator because in their sin they were afraid to come close to God.
- C. It's no different for us today.
 - 1. We are all in our sin. (Romans 3:23)
 - 2. The wages of sin is death (separation from God). (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:12)
 - 3. If we die in our sins we will be separated from God forever.
- D. But Jesus makes all the difference. (Ephesians 2:13; Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18)
- E. This is why the writer of Hebrews drew such a contrast between the experience of the people at Sinai with those who are with Christ in the kingdom of God. (Hebrews 12:18–24)
- F. There is one mediator and He is Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5–6)
- G. This is why Jude wrote with such confidence and joy about the difference Jesus makes. (Jude 24–25)
- H. But it must be the true Jesus—the one who is God, Savior and Lord. (Jude 25)
- I. Now the attributes of God that terrified at Sinai become our joy—glory, majesty, power and authority are all His.

III. CONCLUSION

REFLECTIONS

- Why is it important for everyone to know that God is perfect in holiness and an all-consuming fire?
- In Exodus 19–20, why were the rebellious Israelites so terrified at God’s presence on the mountain? Hebrews 12:21 declares even Moses said, *“I am trembling with fear.”* Why were the people so afraid of being in God’s presence?
- The people in Exodus sensed their need for a mediator. What is a mediator and how does God’s holy presence and our sin make us aware of our need for a mediating savior?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:5–6, Ephesians 2:13, and Jude 24. What difference does Jesus make when it comes to the day we stand before God?
- When Jude wrote of Jesus, he took no confidence in being the human half-brother to Jesus. What three words did Jude use to describe Jesus that must be the confession of everyone who calls on the true Jesus?
- Share your thoughts on what you think it will be like to stand in His presence, see His face and to enjoy His love forever along with all those who worship Him with you.

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*To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!
Amen.*