

**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . *the people out of the land of Egypt . . .*”**  
*Jude 5*

Israel being literally delivered from Egypt has always been used as an illustration for the spiritual deliverance of the believer from sin. That is why Jude uses it here for the believer to understand the serious ramifications of unbelief. In other words, just because a person was numbered among the Israelites didn't automatically make them a person of the faith. So it is with a person in the church, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are a person of the faith either.

The text is very clear on what it means to be an unbeliever facing the judgment of God. Jude is not talking about eternal security here, nor is he talking about works salvation (of which there is no such thing). Jude is reminding the early church to be certain of what they believe, why they believe it, and to remain steadfast according to their belief irrespective of any outside influences contrary to the gospel of truth – false teachings. This is probably a good time to remind everyone that heaven is sweet, hell is hot, sin is destructive, and eternal life (whether in heaven or hell) is forever!

God is serious about sin. So serious that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary's cross in order to pay sin's debt which is death – eternal separation from God in hell. God didn't leave it at that. Because of Christ's atonement for sin, God offers the gift of eternal life with Him in heaven to all who believe. No other religion outside of true Christianity is based on unconditional love, forgiveness of sin by grace through faith. All other groups and organizations (even some of them claiming Christian affiliation) are based on some form of man's "good works" for salvation and the forgiveness of sin (which is false teaching, and as I previously said, does not exist). John 14:6 says that Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by Him. Jude is reminding the early church of that certain reality. Jude is also reminding the 21<sup>st</sup> century believer of that absolute biblical truth.

Do you have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? Are you trusting your own "good works" waiting to see if they will be sufficient to get you to heaven, or are you trusting the substitutionary atoning work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross alone as sufficient for the propitiation required by God? As a faithful believer do you celebrate your deliverance from sin as did the faithful believers of Israel when God led the people out of the land of Egypt?