

**Hey Jude**  
Carry On

- **Jude** - a warning concerning false teachers and apostasy.
- **So, practically speaking... what do I do?**

**Jude 17-23** "But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh."

- "My mother told me this would happen..."

**Remember What They Said:**

- Jude reminds them of the predictions of the apostles.

**"In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."**

**Echoes Peter's warning about scoffers:**

**2 Peter 3:3** knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires."

- **So, what is a scoffer?** GK means "to mock or make fun of"
- **"Following their own ungodly passions"** - describes a path choice: one either chooses to follow God's path or his own.
- They are world people, devoid of the spirit\
- **They cause divisions**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yourself** "But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit," (v.20)

- **An imperative, not a suggestion** - if I am to stand firm against false teaching, I must be built up.

**Paul:**

**Colossians 2:7** "...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

**How?**

- **Study the Word** - learn sound doctrine and how to apply it.
- **Pray in the Holy Spirit**

**Paul, to the Ephesian Elders:**

**Acts 20:32** "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yourself** "...keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life." (V.21)

- We have special places to keep our special things (guns, money, collectibles, valuables, etc)
- "Keep yourselves in the love of God"

**\*It means to remain in the place of obedience where God's love is poured out on His children, as opposed to being disobedient.**

- **While the world is filled with false teaching and apostates and God is working out His judgment, we keep ourselves in His love.**

**Romans 8:35-39** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yourself** "And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh." (V.22)

• **Show grace to others:**

- Sincere doubters who deserve compassion
- Those who are deeper in unbelief and urgently need to be pulled from the fire
- Those declared disciples of apostasy who still deserve mercy, but are to be handled with much fear.

**Benediction:**

**Jude 24-25** "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."