

HANDOUT JUDE PART 3 Jude's Warning, Jude 17-25

In Part One we answered the Question How do We Contend for the Faith? How do we Fight Apostasy? How do we Guard and Protect the Faith and Our Families? How do We Disciple them to Be Ready to Stand Against the Onslaught of Fake Christianity and Anti-Christianity?

Contending for the Faith... Must Be Intentional! We are to Study to Rightly Divide God's Word...We are to Seek Godly Counsel, And Then ACT on God's Truth...We are to Teach God's Word to Disciple our Children and Gods People...And Most Important we are to LIVE IT! Diffusing God's Love and Life to ALL

Part 2 was a Call to Resist False Teachings. We took a close look at false teachers who seek Compromise

- They Are Teachers Who Do Not Fully Surrender to God's Word but Choose to Ignore God's Principles and Total Truth...They Embrace Compromise.

The False Teacher Never says he Doesn't Believe these Truths...He Just Doesn't Mention them...His Lack of Preaching the Total Truth leads to Compromise & Sinfulness.

- KEY: The False Teacher Does Not Emphasize the Utter Sinfulness of Sin and Man's Total Inability to do Anything About his Own Salvation.
- His Message Doesn't Say We're Perfect...But It Suggest that Sin is NOT SERIOUS!

READ Jude's Warning to Persevere, Jude 17-25 VS 19 says, False Teachers Seek to Divide the Church with False Doctrine! That is Why Jude Begins in Verse 17 saying...**"Dear Friends...Remember"**

- Jude Reminds Us that there Will Always be False Teachers Following their Own Ungodly Desires.
- Jude Refers to them as Scoffers (those who ridicule) Complete & Proper Doctrine.
- Those Who Do These Things Do So For ONE Reason Only...TO DIVIDE!

Jude Calls them Scoffers Because they Mock what They Don't Like Their Source of Teaching is their Own Instinctive, Fleshly Desires that Seeks to Be in Charge.

- Submission to God means that HE IS IN CHARGE...Yet Their Pride Seeks to Be In Charge and to do so Requires that they Ignore Gods Doctrine of Total Surrender!
- **We are to be the ones who Uphold Proper Teaching We should be On Guard Against such people, to Preserve what we know to be True!**
- We are Not their Judge...Our Focus is to be on Us. Verse 21 is that We Would be Ones Who...

First...Build Ourselves Up in the Most Holy Faith. This is the Faith that was Entrusted to the Apostles, and Now is Passed On to Us! This Means that We Are, by God's Grace, To Be Actively Growing in the Faith!

Secondly, We are to Pray in the Holy Spirit...In Humility! Agreeing with God that We are Spiritual Beggars (Beatitude One), Seeking His Wisdom...His Direction and Thanking Him for His Faithfulness and Provision!

- **When We Pray in the Holy Spirit, We are Asking for God to CHANGE US!!**

Thirdly...We are to keep ourselves in God's Love! SO...What Does it Mean to "Keep Yourself in the Love of God"? To grasp this, we must first understand something about God's love from Jude... Believers have a promise from God: They are Kept Safe in Jesus.

- **Vs 1** Jude addresses his letter *"to those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and KEPT for Jesus Christ"*. The Clear Implication In the Original Language, is, *"You Are Continually Kept by Jesus Christ."* **Vs 21,** *"Keep Yourself in God's Love"* SO...Which is it...Is It We Are Kept or Is it We are To Keep? IT'S BOTH!
- **The Bible is teaching that God Will KEEP US...But at the Same Time We Must KEEP Ourselves in His Love.** This Doesn't Mean we do Certain things to Merit God's Love.
- Jude is telling us to "Keep Ourselves" in a Place Where God Can Actively Bless Us, and to Keep Ourselves Away from All that is Unlike Him, and those things that would Drag Us Down Spiritually
- **Point,** We Don't Keep Ourselves **"SAVED"**...But We Are To Keep Ourselves **"SAFE"**.

Attacks Come (Fear, Temptation & Doubt). Apart from the preserving Grace of God, none of us would make It. Praise God that in Christ We are Preserved, Protected and Kept by His Power! **READ John 15:10**

- *We are to Walk in the Covering of God's Love...Putting it On like a Garment Every Morning.*
- *Each Day...We are to Wait for the Coming of Jesus, Our Hope, to Take Us Home and Eternal Life*
- ***To Contend for the Faith is to Keep Our Eyes on The Hope We Have in Jesus Christ and Share His Truth With Everyone.***

When We Witness Through Our Words and Actions...Jesus Will Show Others the Proper Way to Live and the Strength He Freely Gives for Each Day! *We Cannot Remain in God's Love if We Immerse Ourselves in This World and Cease to Long for Our Future Perfection With God Throughout Eternity!*

Those who take their eyes off their future HOPE will find their love for God slowly waning...It may also be evident that their real love is for the present evil age.

To Keep the Faith means we Cultivate our own Personal Relationship with God...By Growing in our Understanding of the Faith. By Praying Fervently in the Holy Spirit. *And By Eagerly Waiting for Jesus to Return for Us when He will Welcome Us into Our Heavenly Home.*

- We are to Keep the Faith by helping those influenced by the ungodly. The Church Must Show Mercy to those Affected by False Teaching. If we Ignore it, we Rob People of the Opportunity to Repent and to Experience Truth and Freedom in Christ. This is NOT Loving!
- We are Instructed to Be Merciful to Those who Doubt (Less Mature). Save Others by Snatching them From the Fire. We are to be Those who Willingly Live Right to Show Others the Way.

Jude speaks to the 3 groups of people who had been Affected by Compromise. He began with those who were least affected by the Ungodly by Encouraging the Church to have Mercy on those who were Doubting

- Showing Mercy here Does NOT Mean Ignoring the Seriousness of False Teaching...But Exhorting them with the Truth of God's Word, in Love and Patience.

The 2nd group was in even Greater Danger and Closer to being Captured by the False Teaching of the False Teachers. If they continued, they would be consumed by God's judgement of fire. These may have never made a profession of Faith...but they Might IF they were Not Overly Influenced by False Doctrine.

- **Reminder: False Doctrine has Serious Consequences.**

The 3rd Group is in the Worst Shape. They had Already Been Defiled by False Teachers. They had joined with the false teachers, Pervverting God's grace and denying Jesus as Lord.

- **We Must be Careful Showing Mercy to some that We Do NOT Get Caught Up in their SIN.**
- The Church Should Never Brush False Teaching and Sin Under the Rug. We should Never think that it is "Not My Problem". It Is Our Problem and can affect our fellowship if it is Not Confronted.
- *We are to Prayerfully and Lovingly help those under the influence of false teaching, Heading down the Wrong Path, while at the same time Protecting the Unity and Purity of the Church.*

READ Jude 24-25 Jude closes the letter by Reminding Us that God Is Able and Willing to Keep His Own from Falling Away from the Faith. Those who Truly Belong to the Lord will Persevere. Not due to their Own Strength, But from God Himself who Keeps Us from Falling Away.

KEY: As We Contend For the Faith by Studying Gods Word, Seeking Godly Counsel, Teaching and Living Gods Truth...And As We Stand Firm Resisting False Teaching...And...Focus on Sharing Gods Truth With the World...We Will Please God and Know His Blessings and Joy!

"LIFE" POINT: ***"Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense to Anyone who Asks You for The Reason for the Hope That Is In You."***