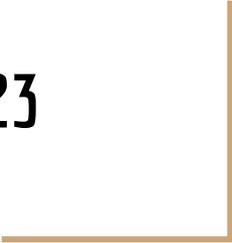


JUDE

WHAT IT MEANS TO CONTEND

TEXT: JUDE 17-23



Quick Recap:

- Jude intends to write about salvation instead is moved to write a message of exhortation
- A Call to Contend for the Faith
- Jude helps us identify those not of God's people but around God's people (with bad intentions)
- This study deals with What it Means to Contend

Text: Jude 17-23 (ESV):



[17] But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. [18] They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” [19] It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. [20] But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, [21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. [22] And have mercy on those who doubt; [23] save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. (ESV)

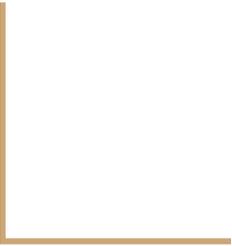
Final Words About the Apostates 17-19

- **Encouragement of Remembering what Has Been Predicted**
 - Matt. 13:24-30, Acts 20:29-31, 2 Peter 3:3-9

Review: How does Jude describe these individuals/scoffers?



Contend For the Faith: Personally
V. 20-21



But you, beloved,...

Imperative for Contending for the Faith

[21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

- **Keep Yourself in God's Love**
 - **Note on Structure: Keep Comes 1st**
 - John 15:9-10 vs. Romans 8:31-39

How do the “kept” also do the keeping?

Contending for the Faith Begins on the Inside

[20] But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

- **Building Yourselves Up in the Faith**

- Necessity and Caution: Col. 2:6-8, 1 Pet. 5:8, Heb. 13:9
- Discipline: Rom. 12:1-2
- Means: Eph. 4:11-16, Heb. 10:24-25

Contending for the Faith Begins on the Inside

[20] *But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,*

- **Praying in the Spirit**

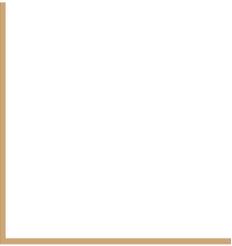
- Eph. 6:18, 1 Cor. 14:15

- **The Spirit's Work in Our Prayers: Romans 8:26**

- Ultimately praying for the Holy Spirit to translate and transform our hearts and prayers to align with the will of God



Contend For the Faith: Externally
V. 22-23



**What Groups Do We See Listed
in Verses 22-23?**

Three Groups v. 22-23



**Those Who
Doubt**



**Those in
the Fire**



Others

**How do we normally respond to
these groups?**

Have Mercy on Those Who Doubt

- Doubt means to waver, vacillate
- Consider some doubters
 - John the Baptist, Luke 7:18-23
 - Thomas, John 20:24-29

What does it look like to be merciful to those who doubt?

Save & Snatch Out of the Fire

- Snatch - often used with meaning to take by force
 - Aggressive, active, urgent
- Save Out of the Fire: End (fire) justifies the means (snatch)
 - John 9:4, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, James 4:14
- Righteous Love to Look Out for those Led Astray
 - James 5:19-20

Show Mercy with Fear

Should we show the false teacher mercy?

- Considering Our Approach to Those Against Us
 - Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 12:17-21
- Qualifier
 - With fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh

Thank You!

Next Week:
**What it Means to
Contend**

Text: Jude 24-25
