

## Keeping Yourselves in the Love of God

Jude 17-23

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### Review

vv. 1-2 - We are slaves of Jesus - called, beloved, and kept. In light of this, we live according to our calling.

vv. 3-4 - We must contend for the faith against the attacks on the church and the Gospel.

vv. 5-16 - Judgment is coming for those who follow their own hearts, partake in sensuality and immorality, reject authority, and live in pride.

### 17-23 - Three Commands As We Contend for the Faith

#### **1. Live in Submission to God's Word at All Times :: vv. 17-19**

*Remembering* is taking to heart the words spoken so that they are imprinted on your life.

The scoffers follow their own ungodly passions, cause divisions, are worldly people, and are devoid of the Spirit.

- **Galatians 5:19-21** - The Fruit of the Flesh

#### **2. Keep Yourselves in the Love of God :: vv. 20-21**

*A. Build Yourselves Up in the Most Holy Faith*

**Ephesians 2:20** - Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

*B. Praying in the Holy Spirit*

**Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*C. Waiting for Jesus' Mercy That Leads to Eternal Life*

### 3. Have Mercy on Those Who Doubt :: vv. 22-23

Three categories of those caught up in the false teaching:

A. *Those considering following the false teachers*

B. *Those who have already started to follow the false teachers*

C. *Those who have given themselves fully to the false teachers*

#### **Meditation**

What has changed about my understanding of God?

What did Scripture teach me about myself?

What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?

Are there any ways that I am choosing to follow desire and passion instead of God's Word?

How does the certainty of Jesus' merciful return affect my life?