

DON'T BACK DOWN

Sunday Mornings in Jude

Sunday Morning, November 10, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Stay True to Christ

Message Text: Jude 1:17-23

Introduction:

Jude wrote to the first century believers to provide them with a full awareness of the apostates of their day. They lurked within the assemblies of the church, selfishly looked after their own affairs and lingered around in arrogance stirring up division. They used the grace of God to justify and promote immoral living. Jude needed to do more than merely expose them, but also provide a solution to the churches and believers afflicted by their apostasy. He turned from exposing the apostates to exhorting the believers to stay true to Christ in their daily lives. May we receive this same exhortation and remain true to Christ in our day.

1. Remember the _____ (17-19)

A. The _____ of the Word (17)

Jude 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

DEFINITION—APOSTLES: an envoy of Jesus Christ commissioned directly by Him or by other apostles; normally someone who has been taught directly by Jesus and who is invested with the authority to speak on His behalf.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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Ephesians 2:19–20 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

2 Peter 1:19–21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

B. The _____ of the Word (18-19)

Jude 18–19 how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

DEFINITION— MOCKERS: someone who jeers, mocks, or treats something with contempt, or who calls out in derision.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MOCKERS

UNGODLY LUSTS — evil cravings that displace proper affection for God

SEPARATE THEMSELVES — to cause division

SENSUAL — characterized by the created, finite, and fallen world

HAVING NOT THE SPIRIT — not indwelt by the Spirit of God

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

NOTE — Paul warned Timothy concerning these kind of mockers in 2 Timothy 3:1–6. Jude himself had mocked Christ in John 7:3–5.

2. Renew your _____ (20-21)

A. _____ to your Faith (20)

Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith...

BUT YE — contrast to false teachers and living in fear of them

DEFINITION—BUILDING UP: to construct; to make nearer to fullness or completion (as of moral strength or someone's conscience); conceived of as constructing something further.

QUOTE: To give constant increase in Christian knowledge and in a life conformed thereto. —Thayer

DEFINITION—FAITH: trust in the gospel

2 Peter 1:5–8 *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

See also Hebrews 5:13–6:1

B. _____ for Help (20)

Jude 20 ...praying in the Holy Ghost,

QUOTE: Prayer is a declaration of dependance.

DEFINITION—PRAYING: to communicate, confess, worship and make requests of God for oneself and others

QUOTE: All true prayer is exercised in the sphere of the Holy Spirit, motivated and empowered by Him. That means that if the saint expects to really pray, he must be Spirit-filled or Spirit-controlled. The fullness of the Holy Spirit is the prerequisite to effectual praying. The Spirit, when yielded to, leads us in our petitions and generates within us the faith necessary to acceptable and answered prayer. —Wuest

Romans 8:26–27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

C. _____ in God's Love (21a)

Jude 21 keep yourselves in the love of God...

DEFINITION—KEEP: maintain; continue, observe

John 15:9–10 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

NOTE — God's love is unconditional, but we cannot enjoy the fulness of His love when we are going our own way.

D. _____ for Christ's Return (21b)

Jude 21 ...looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

DEFINITION—LOOKING: to look forward to the occurrence of or arrival of.

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

3. Reach Out to the _____ (22-23)

NOTE — The apostates had spiritually wounded some people within the lives of the believers.

A. _____ Compassion (22)

Jude 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

SOME — those are pulled or influenced by the false teachers.

DEFINITION—COMPASSION: to show mercy; to express with words

DEFINITION—DIFFERENCE: to hesitate; to pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness.

B. _____ those in Crisis (23)

Jude 23 and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

OTHERS — those spiritually wounded by the apostates facing eternal destruction.

DEFINITION—PULLING: to snatch; to grasp hastily or eagerly

2 Timothy 2:25–26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

QUOTE: While it is the duty of the Christian to pity and pray for the sinner, he must view with loathing all that bears traces of the sin. —J.B Mayor

Conclusion

2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them



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