

Jude 1:20-23 Fight the Good Fight and Hold Fast

Introduction: A foundation for tonight

- Jude's audience: The called, loved, kept and blessed
 - Loved by God the Father, Saved through God the Son, Filled with the God the Spirit
- His purpose for writing to them (verse 3): Contend for the faith
 - Contending against false teaching, apostasy and apostates

Key Words and Phrases:

Praying in the Spirit:

Living In light of scripture, according to scripture, in faith, in submission to God, in love for God and others being lead, guided, empowered and directed by God the Holy Spirit.

What is Apostasy?

A point where repentance is no longer an option. The person has an understanding of the Gospel, at one point professing to be in Christ, and to turn away and finally, fully reject God result in condemnation, fully and finally.

A Call to Persevere (Jude 1:20-21)

Learn, study, examine, know, pray, believe, practice, protect and proclaim the truth

1. Build: Yourself up in Holy and personal Faith (reading, praying, meditation, action, communion and fellowship with God and other Christians)
(Hebrews 11:1,6, Romans 10:17, Romans 12:2, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Corinthians 16:13, Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 13:7,17,)
2. Pray: In the Holy Spirit (according to scripture)
(Psalm 119:12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 58, 66, 68, 73, 76, 77, 88, 107, 117, 121, 122, 124, 132, 133, 134, 135, 149, 153, 154, 156, 169, 170, 173, 175, 176)
3. Keep: Yourself in the Love of God
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 1 Corinthians 16:14, 1 Peter 4:8, Colossians 3:14, John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:19, Proverbs 10:12, Romans 13:8, Luke 6:35)
4. Wait: For the mercy of God (Faith in future grace)
(Psalm 130:5, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 27:14, James 5:7-8, Psalm 46:1, James 1:12)

Worship: Lion and the Lamb (Phil Wickham) Holy Holy Holy (Sovereign Grace Music)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

**A practical approach to deceivers, dangerous, deceived and difficult people
(Jude 1:22-23)**

- Have mercy, Have Grace, Have Love, Have patience
- Be humble, Be diligent, Be prayerful
- Use caution
*(Ephesians 5:15-18, Galatians 5:22:23, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Colossians 3:1-17,
Romans 10: 9-17, Romans 12:9-21)*

Conclusion:

- Let love be genuine, abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good! (Rom 12:9)
- Pray that God would grow these things in your life and fight for them with everything you've got!

*“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
-Saint Augustine*

*“The best praying man is the man who is most believably familiar with the promises of God. After all, prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, ‘Do as thou hast said.’ Prayer is the promise utilized. A prayer which is not based on a promise has no true foundation.”
-Charles Spurgeon*