

Jude

(5) The Instructions to Believers

But you, dear friends...21

Who is identified as the recipients of this letter? vs.3, 17, 20 cp. vs.1

He identifies with them as dear friends. Called, Loved, and Kept (verse 1).

What about 'keep yourselves...'? What does that mean? Jn.15:9-10

This is something we must do. Keep his commandments. Love one another.

What is the object of our 'looking expectantly'? vs.21 IPet.1:13

The object is the glorious hope of His return, the rapture of the Church, to eternal life.

Three ways to deal with the apostate's errors...22-23

To whom does Jude urge his dear friends to show mercy? vs.22 Comment?

To those who are doubting. Seems likely this is a true believer swayed by the apostate.

What is absolutely necessary for you to be able to show mercy in this way? vs.20-21

You must be rooted and grounded in the truth, walking in the Spirit. Work at it...

And for some apostates, what does he urge? vs.22

Snatch them (forcibly) from the fire (of God's judgment (vs.7). Heavy duty effort!

What is absolutely necessary for you to be able to do this work? vs.16

You must recognize them. By their fruit you shall know them. Takes discernment...

And for the worst offenders? vs.22 What is this?

On some have mercy mixed with fear. Mercy, not getting what we deserve.

What's the fear likely about?

Fear of being corrupted by their sin. Likely the sensual sins corrupting the flesh.

What other command stands with this? IICor.6:14-18

Come out from among them and be separate. Separate from sin, save the sinner.

What's the implication of the 'clothing stained'...? vs.23

Their fleshly sins are so corrupting that even their clothing is hateful.

The glorious doxology...24-25

In the midst of these perils, what's the believer's confidence? vs.24 IITim.1:12

The glory, majesty, power and authority goes to Him who is able to keep us from falling!

And not just keep us from falling, but what else? vs.24 Eph.5:27

To present us without fault, with great joy! No spot, no wrinkle, perfect.

To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! AMEN.