

TEXT: Jude 1:20-21

TITLE: "Keep on Loving God!"

→ Jude gives a powerful command for the saints to keep loving God and three ways to fulfill it.

As a church, we rejoice in the goodness of God for 133 years! What should we think today about the future? How can we maintain a Gospel witness for our children and grandchildren or until Jesus returns?

I believe the words of Jude from about 1,950 years ago are very fitting!—they answer that question.

1. The P_____ of the Command

→ 1:21

A. We Must Be Diligent in L_____ God

- 1. Believers must apply their hearts to love God actively.**
- 2. Believers need to exercise themselves in attitudes and actions that show their love for God.**
- 3. In thought, word and deed, we are to maintain love for God!**
- 4. Jehovah, Yahweh, commanded this to Israel.**

→ Deuteronomy 6:5; 10:12-13

- 5. Jesus also commanded this also!**

→ Matthew 22:37,

→ Mark 12:30

→ Luke 10:27

B. We Must Be Aware of Our Tendency to Grow C_____

- 1. Our love for God can tend to grow cold and indifferent.**
- 2. We can let all that goes on around us dull that love.**

- 3. The church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:4—they had lost their first love.**

→ Revelation 2:4

- 4. Jude exhorts us to NOT do that.**

C. We Must Encourage Each Other to Fervent Love for Christ!

- 1. In the Greek text, "yourselves" is plural.**
- 2. He is speaking to the whole body of believers, not just to individuals!**

→ So, how can we uphold our love for Jesus?

2. The F_____ of the Command

A. We Must B_____ Ourselves Up in the F_____

→ 1:20

- 1. Jude Contrasts Believers with the Deceivers ("These Men")**
- 2. Jude Reminds Us that We Are "Beloved" as He Said in 1:1, "Beloved of God the Father" and "Called," and in verses 3, 17, 20.**
- 3. Jude Encourages Us to Build Ourselves UP!**
- 4. Jude Encourages Us to Build Ourselves up ON the FAITH!**

(B. We Must Pray in the Spirit)

(C. We Must Anticipate Future Mercy)

APPLICATIONS: