

Jude 1.17-21

- At this point in the letter, Jude turns his attention from those who attack the faith, toward those who believe it. Jude 1.3; 1.17 “beloved”
- He gives a two-fold command

1.17-19 Remember the Bible

- False prophets were predicted in the OT:1.4; 14
- In 1.17, he's talking about the NT context
- 2Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Jude describes these mockers 3 ways

- They are divisive. 1.19
- They are sensual. 1.19 They have no new nature
- They don't have the Spirit. 1.19
- This is an essential aspect of Christianity
 - 2Cor.13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
 - Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Keep yourself in God's love. 1.20-21

- What does Jude mean?
- Does he mean, “live in such a way that God always loves you?”
- No. That is contrary to the nature of God's love for His people, and is contrary to what Jude has already said: Jude 1.1-2

- Jude means that we are attend to ourselves and stay oriented in the fact that God loves us. Our response to Him is one of love, unlike the false prophets who love only themselves
- In verses 20-21, the main instruction is 21: keep yourself in the love of God.
- How can we do that?
- Jude gives 3 commands that are necessary

- Build yourself on your holy faith. 1.20
 - Acts 20.32
 - I Corinthians 3.11-16
 - Ephesians 4.12-16
- Pray in the Holy Ghost 1.20
 - Pray right and Biblical prayers
- Wait for Jesus. 1.21. “Looking for” has the idea of “watching for.” Luke 2.25, Simeon was “waiting for” the Consolation of Israel

Jude offers no new technique or philosophy, no mysterious aspect of faith

- He is firmly grounded in Trinitarian theology 1.20-21 include Father, Son, and Spirit
- And he is firmly grounded in the sufficiency of Scripture