

Jude – Our Life with God Jude 20-25

Introduction:

I. Jude encourages us to keep ourselves in the love of God (Jd. 20-21).

- A. There is a description of the Christian (Jd. 20).
 - 1. Christians will build up our faith.
 - a. Our faith is the foundation of our eternal life.
 - 1) It is on our faith that we will build ourselves up.
 - 2) **I Cor. 3:11** - For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
 - 3) **Col. 2:6-7** - As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, {7} rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
 - b. The idea is that Christians will grow in the faith.
 - 1) **Heb. 6:1** - Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
 - 2) **I Pet. 2:1-3** - Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, {2} as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, {3} if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
 - 3) **II Pet. 3:18** - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - c. We will build ourselves up in our most holy faith.
 - 2. Christians will constantly pray.
 - a. Prayer has always been important to the Christian.
 - b. Prayer is our way of communicating with the Father.
 - c. Notice some of what God has to say about prayer.
 - 1) **Eph. 6:18** - praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
 - 2) **I Thes. 5:17** - pray without ceasing,
 - 3) **Js. 5:13** - Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
 - 4) **Js. 5:16** - The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
 - 3. As Christians, we should always be people of prayer.
- B. Christians are to keep ourselves in the love of God (Jd. 21).
 - 1. We look for the mercy of our Lord.
 - a. God is a merciful God.

- b. God does not give us what we deserve (eternal hell).
 - c. **Ex. 20:6** - But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
2. This mercy leads to eternal life.
- a. **Eph. 2:4-6** - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, {5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), {6} and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
 - b. **Titus 3:4-5** - But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, {5} not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
3. It is important to note that if Jude is encouraging us to keep ourselves in the love of God, then obviously it is possible to find ourselves out of the love of God.
- a. We can fall away (remember **Jd. 5-11**).
 - b. **I Cor. 10:12** - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
 - c. It is our own responsibility to make sure that we are faithful to God.
 - 1) God has done His part in our salvation.
 - 2) It is now up to us to make sure that we have that salvation.
 - 3) This does not mean that we earn salvation, but we do know how to obtain it.

II. Jude tells us how people today are saved (**Jd. 22-23**).

- A. Some are saved by compassion (**Jd. 22**).
 - 1. Jesus gives us an example of how to have compassion.
 - a. **Mt. 9:36** - But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
 - b. **Mt. 14:14** (feeding the 5,000) - And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.
 - c. **Mt. 15:32** (feeding the 4,000) - Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."
 - d. **Mt. 20:34** (two blind men are healed) - So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.
 - 2. We are commanded to have compassion on others.

- a. **Gal. 6:1** - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
 - b. **II Tim. 2:24-26** - And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, {25} in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, {26} and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.
 - c. **I Pet. 3:8** - Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;
3. It is our compassion that leads us to action for others.
- a. When others see the compassion that we have for them, they may listen to what we have to say about the gospel.
 - b. Some people are saved when we tell them of the love and compassion of God.
- B. Others are saved with fear (**Jd. 23**).
- 1. These are the ones that have gone further into sin than those in **Jd. 22**.
 - a. On these, we need to be more strict.
 - b. Jude says that we pull “them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”
 - 2. Remember those examples that Jude has already given us (**Jd. 5-11**).
 - a. They needed to be told exactly what their punishment would be.
 - b. They did not need someone to sugarcoat their fate.
 - 3. Notice what we are told in the New Testament.
 - a. **Mt. 10:28** - **And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**
 - b. **II Cor. 5:11** - **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.**

III. Jude closes by giving us a description of God (**Jd. 24-25**).

- A. This is the reason that we should want to follow God.
 - 1. It is the why of our relationship with God.
 - 2. When we read of this description, we cannot help but to want to serve God.
- B. There are two promises that God makes towards us (**Jd. 24**).
 - 1. “Who is able to keep you from stumbling.”
 - a. If we are willing to follow the words of God, we will be able to resist temptation that comes our way.
 - b. **I Cor. 10:13** - **No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.**

2. “To present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”
 - a. When Christ returns, He will present us to the Father.
 - b. Col. 1:22 - in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight--
- C. We also see the greatness of God (Jd. 25).
 1. He is our Savior.
 2. He “alone is wise.”
 3. He has “glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.”
- D. Because of the greatness of God, we serve Him.

Conclusion: