

**Series "Contending For The Faith"**  
**"What We Must Do"**  
**Jude 1:17-25**  
**Study-4**

1. Verse 1-4 – Who They Are: Jude 4
2. Verses 5-11 – What They Do: Jude 11
3. Verses 12-16 – What They Are: Jude 12-13
4. Verses 17-25 – What We Must Do: Need Defense And Offense.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** God's Word To The Believer Is Both Defense And Offense. It Gives Warning And Yet Produces Growth To The Glory Of God.

- 1. Verses 17-19 – Remember**
- 2. Verses 20-21 – Stand Fast**
- 3. Verses 22-23 – Reach Out**
- 4. Verses 24-25 – Praise Him**

**1. Verses 17-19 – Remember:**

Jude 1:17

"But you, beloved," – Jude has finished describing the heretics;  
Verses 5-16 – He exposed their character, sin and the coming judgment,  
Jude 15-16

"But you," – Verses 17-25, Jude gives application to the true believers.

"beloved," – "dearly loved, dear friends"

Verse 17 – Remember The Words: "ought to remember the words"

Jude 1:14

Jude 17 (Both OT & NT Warns)

Remember – "to remember so as to respond"; Jude giving a command.

2 Peter 3:1-2

Jude 18

"that they were saying to you," – Ephesians 2:20

1 Thessalonians 2:13

"In the last time" – this period began at the coming of Jesus and will culminate with the second coming of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:1-2

"there will be mockers," – "scoffers"; those who pour out scorn on religion, and the moral demands of a holy God. Jude 1:8

"following after their own ungodly lusts." – 2 Peter 3:3

These are persons that are more like animals than people. Jude 1:10

Jude 19

"cause divisions," – "these men are habitually divisive", Romans 16:17.

1 Corinthians 1:10-11

"worldly-minded," – "instinct"; "those who live life based on the external, physical aspects."

"devoid of the Spirit." – Without God; Non-believers.

## **2. Verses 20-21 – Stand Fast:**

Jude 20

"But you," – (contrasting apostates versus believers); "beloved," – "dear friends"

### **4 Offensive Directives:**

**1. Growing In The Faith:** "building yourselves up on your most holy faith," – The "**faith**" is the objective truth, the system of Christian truth, body of Christian teaching.

"building yourselves up" – literally, "keep on building yourselves up". This is not solo but corporate activity.

Acts 2:42

Acts 20:32

Hebrews 5:12

2 Timothy 2:15

"most holy faith," – Galatians 1:11-12

**2. Growing In Prayer:** “praying in the Holy Spirit,” – Romans 8:26-27

**The fight against false teaching cannot be won by the use of argument alone but through dependence upon God’s might and power. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Jude 21

**3. Growing In Love:** “keep yourselves in the love of God,” – Jude 1:1

John 15:9-10

**4. Growing In Hope:** “waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.”

2 Peter 3:11-12

1 John 3:2-3

**3. Verses 22-23 – Reach Out:**

Jude 22 – “And have mercy on some, who are doubting;”

**3 Ways That Christian’s Can Make A Difference:**

**1. Give Mercy To Those Who Doubt:** “have mercy on some, who are doubting;” – “be merciful, show pity to those that are wavering, whose faith is giving way, asking questions; their commitment is compromising. Galatians 6:1-2

Jude 23

**2. Snatch Some Out Of The Fire:** “save others, snatching them out of the fire;” – James 5:20

“Fire” – judgment which professing Christians will face if they fail to repent.

**3. Mercy On Wayward Unbelievers:** “and on some have mercy with fear,”

**There is no person who is so irredeemably bad that God’s forgiveness cannot remove the stain.**

"hating (Strong Word) even the garment polluted by the flesh." – The inner garment close to the skin (underwear). Soiled underwear; treat with caution!

James 1:27

#### **4. Verses 24-25 – Praise Him:**

Jude 24

Romans 16:25

Verse 24 – Praise To God Who Preserves Us: "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling," – Jude 1:1 – "kept for Jesus Christ:"

"Keep" – "the power of almighty God is itself providing protection for believers."

"stumbling," – used of a horse; "surefooted horse that does not stumble; keep from being tripped"; Not to fall into strange teaching.

"and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy," – "without fault, irreproachable"; Used of animals that had been inspected and approved for sacrifice.

Verse 25 – Praise To The Only True God: Jude 25

"to the only God our Savior," – John 14:6

"be glory," – Summarizes all the divine attributes in His powerful radiance.

"majesty," – The absolute reign of God.

"dominion" – Extent of God's might and active rule over all.

"and authority," – Jesus' supreme right and privilege to do as He wills.

"before all time (eternity past) and now (present age) and forever. (Eternity future) Amen." – The God of past present and future!

## **Application:**

1. Both OT & NT Warns The Believer Of The Coming Wickedness And God's Judgment.
2. The Believer Must Be Both Defensive And Offensive. The Believer Who Is Not Growing, Becomes A Target For False Teaching.
3. The Growing Believer Is Merciful To The Doubting, Willing To Rescue Those Playing With Fire, Careful And Merciful To The Unsaved.
4. Believers Are Preserved And Will Stand Blameless Through The Only God Our Savior, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.