

Contending for the Faith

The Antidote for Apostasy

Jude 20-21

Introduction

Jude's purpose in writing this letter was, first of all, to expose the false teachers who have crept into the church unnoticed. Secondly, to encourage the saints to stand firm in the faith, and finally, to rescue those in peril from perishing.

1. The keywords in verses 20 and 21 are build, pray, keep, and _____.
2. Jude presents the church with a _____ strategy for apostate times.
3. You keep yourself in the love of God by building your life upon the _____ of God, praying while guided by the Holy Spirit, and anticipating the coming of the Lord.
4. Jude contrasts the beloved who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, with the apostates who are devoid of the _____.
5. Jude wants us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit, who can energize and help us to obey the commands and instructions of the _____.

I. Build Yourself Up

6. It is your personal _____ to give attention to continued growth in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

7. Building yourselves up on your most holy faith points out our need to _____ spiritually and experience God's protection and security against apostasy.
8. The best defense against false doctrine is _____ doctrine.
9. The word _____ means separate or set apart.
10. Our faith is built upon the Spirit-inspired message of the character and _____ work of Jesus Christ.

II. Praying in the Holy Spirit

11. There is a striking contrast between worldly-minded apostates and Spirit-filled _____.
12. Praying in the Spirit means we _____ to the Holy Spirit, who fills us with divine energy and controls the direction of our praying to be in the will of God.
13. A Spirit-filled church is a church supernaturally empowered to contend earnestly for the _____!
14. Holy Spirit praying _____ all supernatural activity of the Christian experience.
15. Prayer is the language of _____.

III. Keep Yourself in the Love of God

16. Jude is not suggesting we must _____ for our salvation.
17. It is the Holy Spirit who stirs up the desire and gives us the power to _____ God.

18. Jesus said in Luke 13, "For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also." (Luk 12: 34 NKJV)
19. Sin is any act of _____ that draws us away from keeping ourselves in the love of God and leaves us vulnerable to Satan's attacks.
20. We keep ourselves in God's _____ by growing in our understanding of the Word of God, and by persevering in prayer, and anticipating the Lord's coming.
21. The goal is to keep yourselves from being dragged into a life that is _____ from what God wants for you.

IV. Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22. Constant communion with God motivates an eager longing within us for the Lord's _____.
23. We _____ the Lord's arrival!
24. On that great day, all those who have trusted in Him will experience Christ's final _____ and enjoy the fullness of eternal life as we experience the resurrection and glorification of our bodies.
25. Hope is a desire for some _____ good with an expectation of obtaining it.
26. The Blessed Hope is not a concept; it is a _____, the Lord Jesus Christ!

27. Eternal life is more than _____ existence; it is life in its highest and fullest sense, life as God has it.

Conclusion

28. Every Christian needs to remember we are living in an age that will come to an _____.

29. The life of the church in these last days will not be _____. Christ is calling upon us to persevere with the help of the Holy Spirit. Eternity awaits us!

30. And soon, we shall see God's mercy and salvation in all its fullness. Jude challenges us to live in anticipation of Christ's return and expect to hear the sound of the trumpet's _____.

When we keep ourselves in the love of God, it causes us to anticipate, long for, and live in the light of Christ's promised return.

God does not want you to perish; He wants to save you. But the choice is up to you! Don't run from God, run to God to discover and enjoy your eternal purpose.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Look | 12. Yield | 23. Anticipate |
| 2. Survival | 13. Faith | 24. Mercy |
| 3. Truth | 14. Activates | 25. Future |
| 4. Spirit | 15. Heaven | 26. Person |
| 5. Scriptures | 16. Work | 27. Endless |
| 6. Responsibility | 17. Honor | 28. End |
| 7. Grow | 18. Heart | 29. Easy |
| 8. Sound | 19. Disobedience | 30. Call |
| 9. Holy | 20. Love | |
| 10. Redemptive | 21. Different | |
| 11. Believers | 22. Return | |