

MESSAGE NOTES

THE URGENCY OF RESPONSIBILITY

Jude

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Dear friends, although I was **very eager to write to you about the salvation we share**, I felt I had to write and **urge you to contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

(Jude 3).

For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago **have secretly slipped in among you**. They are godless men, who **change the grace of our God into a license for immorality** and **deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord**. (Jude 4)

Two Major Issues

- Using the Grace of God as a _____
- Attacking the _____ and _____ of God

Woe to them! (Jude 11)

These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—**shepherds who feed only themselves**. They are **clouds without rain**, blown along by the wind; **autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead**. 13 They are **wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame**; wandering stars, **for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever**. (Jude 12–13).

These men are **grumblers and faultfinders**; they **follow their own evil desires**; they **boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage**. (Jude 16).

How Do You Contend for the Faith?

1. DON'T LET ANYONE BETWEEN _____

17 But, dear friends, **remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold**. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there **will be scoffers** who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 **These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit**. (Jude 17–19).

2. DON'T LET ANYTHING GET BETWEEN _____.

But you, dear friends, **build yourselves up** in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20).

3. DON'T LET ANYTHING GET BETWEEN _____.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy". (Matt. 5:7)

21 **Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ** to bring you to eternal life.

22 **Be merciful to those who doubt**;

23 **snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy**, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. (Jude 21–23).