

Jude

Maintain Your Life with God (Jude 1:20-23)

Read: Maintain Your Life with God (1:20-23)

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Explain: Maintain Your Life with God (1:20-23)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What are the most repeated words in Jude?

Their/them/themselves/_____ (21), _____/your/yourselves (17), have/having (9), Lord (7), beloved/love (6), our (6), ungodly (6), all (5), Christ (5), God (5), Jesus (5)

What do the words mean?

20 But you, beloved [*agapetos*; beloved: (dearly, well) beloved, dear], **building yourselves up** [present active participle (i.e., _____ building yourselves up); to build _____, i.e., (figuratively) to rear up: build thereon (thereupon, on, upon)] **on your most holy** [*hagios*; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint] **faith** [*pistis*; persuasion, i.e., credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity], **praying** [present middle or passive deponent participle (i.e., _____ praying); to pray to God, i.e., supplicate, worship: pray (for), make prayer] **in the Holy Spirit** [*pneuma*], **21 keep** [aorist active imperative; to guard (from loss or injury, properly, by keeping the eye upon), i.e., to note (a prophecy; figuratively, to fulfil a command); by implication, to detain (in custody; figuratively, to maintain); by extension, to withhold (for personal ends; figuratively, to keep unmarried); _____ _____,

keep(-er), (pre-, re-)serve, watch] **yourselves in the love** [*agape*; love, i.e., affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: (feast of) charity(-ably), dear, love] **of God** [**Who does the keeping? Us (1:21) or God (1:1)?** _____], **looking for** [present middle or passive deponent participle (i.e., _____ looking for); to _____ (to intercourse, hospitality, credence, or (figuratively) endurance); by implication, to await (with confidence or patience): accept, allow, look (wait) for, take] **the mercy** [compassion (human or divine, especially active): (tender) mercy] **of our Lord** [*kyrios*] **Jesus Christ unto eternal** [perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well): eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began)] **life**.

22 And on some have compassion [present active imperative; to compassionate (by word or deed, specially, by divine grace): have compassion (pity on), have (obtain, receive, shew) mercy (on)], **making a distinction** [*diakrino*; present middle participle (i.e., _____ making a distinction); to separate thoroughly, i.e., (literally and reflexively) to withdraw from, or (by implication) oppose; figuratively, to discriminate (by implication, decide), or (reflexively) hesitate: contend, make (to) differ(-ence), discern, doubt, judge, be partial, stagger, waver]; **23 but others save** [*sozo*; present active imperative; to save, i.e., deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole] **with fear** [*phobos*; alarm or fright: be afraid, exceedingly, fear, terror], **pulling** [present active participle (i.e., _____ pulling); to seize (in various applications): catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force)] **them out of the fire** [*pyr*; "fire" (literally or figuratively, specially, lightning): fiery, fire], **hating** [present active participle (i.e., _____ hating); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: hate(-ful)] **even the garment** [a tunic or shirt: clothes, coat, garment] **defiled** [perfect passive participle; to stain or soil (literally or figuratively): defile, spot] **by the flesh** [flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e., (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions), or (specially), a human being (as such): carnal(-ly, -ly minded), flesh(-ly)].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. _____ ungodliness is best faced with _____ godliness
2. We have a great _____ and a great _____
3. The Christian life is an active life

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Abide in Christ
2. Thank God for both
3. Be active in _____

Next week: Glory to God (1:24-25)

**24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
And to present you faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
25 To God our Savior,
Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever.
Amen.**

Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**Jude 1:24-25**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

Resources

Learning to Pray in the Spirit and the Word, John Piper (2001);
desiringgod.org/messages/learning-to-pray-in-the-spirit-and-the-word-part-2