

"The Battle Cry of the Church"

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith... **

FOR THE FAIT

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Jude 12 These are the men who are *hidden reefs* in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves

Love Feasts: Feasts of charity with food provided by the rich for the benefit of the poor. LW, Barnes

These false teachers appeared safe but "secretly introduce destructive heresies" (2 Pet 2:1), spiritually deadly and produced "shipwrecked faith" (1 Tim 1:19).

Jude 13 [They are] ... Clouds without water carried along by winds.

They Appear to have promise but produce nothing.

They make promises they can never deliver.

[They are] Autumn trees *without* fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

Here's a tree without leaves or bark, AND also is uprooted.

What's the chance of THIS tree producing Any good fruit?

Jude 13 "Wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam."

Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud. What's left after the storm?

Jude 13 [False teachers are]... Wandering stars, for whom the *black darkness* has been reserved forever.

> False teachers are dazzling. They are brilliant temporarily but then they disappear forever and ever.

Judgment of False Teachers (5-19) NATURE OF FALSE TEACHERS Jude v.8-13,16 **Grumblers: Vines – "Complainer, especially against** the utterances of God." I'm right, Apostles are wrong! Finding fault: Vines— "Discontented, querulous." Louw & Nida — "Constantly blaming others." Preacher is no good, Elders are dumb, Song leader is lousy, Teachers are boring. If they weren't jealous, they'd choose Me! **Follow their lusts: Epi-Thumias "Strong desires" Speak arrogantly: Huper-ogkos "Swelling words"** Flatter for .. advantage: Louw "To praise with insincere purpose."

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prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord *came(?)* with many thousands of His *holy ones,* (Matt 25:31, Rev 5:11, 2 Thess 1:8) Jude 14 It was also about these men that *Enoch*

Gen 5:21-24 Heb 11:5

"Book of Enoch"

Jude 15 to *execute judgment upon all*, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

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Hinting at what Peter said? (2 Pet 3:1-3)

It explains why the apostates deny God's truth: they do not want God to tell them how to live. They want to satisfy their own sinful desires, and the Word of God condemns their selfish way of life. BEC Words of Apostles 17-19

19 Who cause divisions, (Rom 16:17) worldly-minded,(1 Jn 2:15) devoid of the Spirit. (Jn 3:5-6)

Call to Persevere Jude v.20-21

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith,

praying in the Holy Spirit,

Jude 21 *keep yourselves in the love of God*, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

Eph 4:13 Stature of Christ 2 Peter 1:5 Adding to Rom 14:19* Rom 8:26 His interceding Not all spoke tongues 1 Cor 14:5 **Keep commandments** How are you going to be saved?

Here's how Christians should respond to these people.

Three types of groups of prey.

)oxology (20-25) Call to show mercy Jude v.22-23 22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; NT:1653 have compassion (pity on) NT:1252 those who separate First Group: work with themselves from you Thayers them and teach them. Give them confidence 2 Thess 3:15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Doxology (20-25) Call to show mercy Jude v.22-23 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire;

NT:4982 positively, to make one a partaker of the salvation by Christ. Thayer

1 Tim 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

Second group of people: ready to leave and accept false teachers. *Do something to help* (James 5:19-20)

Doxology (20-25) Call to show mercy Jude v.22-23

23 and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

Be very carful; cautious

Third group: Already bought in to the doctrine. Tread *carefully* when interacting.

Jude 24 Now to Him *who is able to keep you from stumbling*, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

Jude 24 God can guard <u>you so that you don't fall</u> and so that you can be full of joy as you stand in his glorious presence without fault. GWT

2 Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

It won't be because of what we have done but what He has done.

Jude 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be glory, majesty, dominion and authority*, before all time and now and forever. Amen.