

Jude week 4

How to Stay Safe!

1. Review the Previous weeks: (**Contend for the Faith** – what did James want to write about? What became more necessary to discuss? **Blaspheming Glory** – what are the 3 sins that these sneaky people hiding in our churches are committing that is so dangerous? **Don't Do What's Natural!** - What came naturally to Cain, Balaam, and Korah? What does God want us to do instead? How does God describe these “sneaky people” in verses 12-13? What is going to happen to them?)

2. After teaching us how to recognize these “sneaky” and “dangerous” people who are sitting in our churches, Jude tells us how to make it through the waters of life without crashing into one of their “hidden reefs”. Read v. 17-19. What's the first thing we should do to stay safe from these dangerous people? How does “remembering” that they are out there protect us?

3. 2 Timothy 3:1-9. What do these verses say will happen as we get closer to the end? Do these verses (v.6 especially) imply that these people are obvious or sneaky? Do these verses agree with Jude that these people follow their natural instinct which leads to sin? How do these people cause division like Jude says in verse 19? Do you think Christians are doing a good job at “remembering” this was predicted? Or do we seem “surprised” that our churches are being infiltrated by corruption? Why is it dangerous to not expect the infiltration of corruption? Especially for our children?

4. Read v. 20-21. These verses give us 3 things to do to stay “safe” from these “hidden reefs”. First, “Building yourselves up in your most Holy faith”. How do we build up our faith (belief in Truth)? (Romans 10:17, Hebrews 10:25)

5. Second, “Praying in the Holy Ghost”. What does it mean to pray in the Holy Ghost? (Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 14:15, 1 Corinthians 14:5). Have you ever let the Holy Ghost inspire your prayers? Share what it was like?

6. Third, “Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” What are we, as Christians, waiting for? How does this “waiting” affect the way we live right now? (Titus 2:11-13)

7. Read v. 22. What do we do with people who doubt? What does that look like? Have you ever had a friend or loved one who was struggling with doubt? When Christians acted harsh or judgmental did it help them? Why is showing mercy more helpful?

8. Read v. 23. How are we to save some? Have you ever met someone who needed “snatching?” What does it look like to be more aggressive in your approach and yet merciful at the same time? What type of situations would call for this approach? According to the last half of this verse, what should accompany our mercy when dealing with a loved one who is living in sin? How are we to treat people? How are we to treat their sin? (Zech. 3:3-5) How does the devil treat people with “dirty clothes” according to this passage? What does Jesus do with their dirty clothes? What should we do when we notice someone is “dirty” from sin if we want to be like Jesus?

9. Read v. 24. Why do we not have to be afraid as believers? Read Matthew 24:24. What is this verse implying that agrees with Jude 1:24? Does this mean that believers can never “get off track” or be misled away from truth?

10. Read v. 25. Glory – “doxa” – dignity, honor, praise, worship. Majesty – “megalosyne” – greatness, divinity. Dominion – “kratos” – power, strength. Authority – “exousia” – magistrate, judicial authority, legal jurisdiction. What is this verse saying about God and Jesus?