

Kept if We Keep

(Jude 1-25)

- Introduction:
1. Jude was written by the brother of Jesus, though you would never know it by the way he introduced his book.
 2. He intended to write about our common salvation but found it necessary to warn and remind the church of an urgent matter.

I. Warnings

- A. (Jude 3-4).
- B. We are commanded to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3).
- C. Certain men crept in unnoticed (Jude 4).
 1. Who were marked out for this condemnation.
 2. Who turned the grace of God into lewdness.
 3. Who denied God and Jesus.

II. Reminders

- A. (Jude 5-8).
- B. God is just and will punish all who sin.
 1. He punished the Israelites (Jude 5).
 2. He punished the angels (Jude 6).
 3. He punished the Gentiles (Jude 7).
 4. He will punish sinners in the church as well (Jude 8).
- C. Takeaway – God doesn't love you so much that he will overlook your sins.

III. Instructions

- A. (Jude 20-21).
- B. Keep yourselves in the love of God.
 1. Building yourselves up.
 2. Praying in the Holy Spirit.
 3. Looking for mercy unto eternal life.
- C. Notice the cooperation between God and man.
 1. We must keep ourselves in the love of God (Jude 21).
 2. We are kept by God (Jude 1).
 3. These are contradictions, both are true.

- Conclusion:
1. Allow the warnings and reminders of Jude to keep us vigilant.
 2. Realize that we must partner with God if we are to be saved.
 3. And remember that without proper care and attention given to our lives, we can be lost.