

Jude 14-25

Remain in God's love

(The People's Bible, James/1,2 Peter/1,2,3 John/Jude, pages 339-346)

Look

Verse 14: "Enoch...prophesied." His words are not found in the Old Testament. It is possible that Jude got his information directly from the Lord or that he found it in some book not found in Scripture. (Pseudo-apocryphal)

Verse 23: "Even the clothing" –This strongly emphasizes that even the slightest contact with sin is dangerous and deadly.

Discuss:

1. What is the key word in Enoch's speech? What is the key thought in Enoch's speech? **Ungodly. The judgement is the key thought.**
2. What are some characteristics of the false teachers? (verse 16) **All are in the church: grumblers, faultfinders, doing for their own advantage, follow their own evil desires. A healthy response would be, "I don't understand this," but an unhealthy response is, "the church is wrong!"**
3. "Remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold" (verse 17) What did they foretell according to the following passages: Acts 20:29, 1 Timothy 4:1,2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3:37
 - Acts: savage solves (false teachers)
 - 1 Timothy: some are pretending to be what they are not
 - 2 Timothy: godlessness
 - 2 Peter: scoffers having "evil desires"
4. What does Jude tell his readers to do in verses 20 and 21? **Study God's Word, prayers, sacraments, staying in the church.**
5. Why should Christians show mercy mixed with fear? (verse 23) **Be careful that you don't fall. Tell them this is wrong; don't soft pedal the message. Sin is serious.**
6. Who alone is able to keep us in the faith and bring us safely to heaven? **Jesus alone—**
 - vs 1 called , loved, and kept by Jesus
 - vs 24 "keep you from falling, able to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.

Apply

7. Identify people who doubt or who are playing with the fire of sin.
What can you do to help them? **A quick pep talk! Talk to them cautiously, encourage them.**

Jude concludes this brief epistle by encouraging believers to hold on to the gospel and pray. God our Savior deserves all praise for our salvation, and He will keep us safely to the end.