

***Keep Yourselves in the  
Love of God***

***Jude 1:1-25***

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# To whom is Jude Referring?

1. They are certain people (v 4).
2. They've crept into the church (v 4).
3. They were long ago designated for this condemnation (v 4).
4. They are ungodly people who pervert the grace of God and deny Jesus Christ (v 4).
5. They rely on their dreams (v 8).
6. They defile the flesh (v 8).

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7. They reject authority (v 8).
8. They blaspheme the glorious ones (v 8).
9. They walked in the way of Cain (v 11).
10. They abandoned themselves as Balaam (v 11).
11. They perished in Korah's rebellion (v 11).
12. They are blemishes on the church's love feasts or agape meals (v 12).
13. They are waterless clouds (v 12).

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- 14. They are fruitless trees (v 12).
- 15. They are wild waves of the sea (v 13).
- 16. They are wandering stars destined for eternal darkness (v 13).
- 17. They are malcontented, grumblers (v 16).
- 18. They are loud-mouthed boasters (v 16).
- 19. They are divisive, worldly people who are devoid of the Spirit (v 19).

# **Jude 1:20-21**

*“<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”*

# What is Jude's Counsel?

1. Build yourselves up in your most holy faith.
2. Pray in the Holy Spirit.
3. Wait for the mercy of Jesus Christ.
4. Be merciful toward those who doubt, who are ensnared, and who have sinned.

# Jude 1:1, 24-25

*“<sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ...<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> 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.”*