

INTRODUCTION: In these verses, Jude 20 - 23, we have outlined the sevenfold duty of all Christians. In a very special way the Christian is put in contrast to the wicked and ungodly men as identified in this letter. So in our lesson today we consider this sevenfold duty of Christians:

1. "Building up yourselves in the most holy faith."

1. The foundation for this "build-up".
  1. Faith in Christ and his word is the foundation upon which we build. John 8:24;
  2. It is your faith because it "was once delivered to the saints." Jude 4
  3. It is your faith so that you may "Receive the end of your faith: even the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:9
  4. It is your MOST HOLY FAITH because every word of God is pure.
  5. The "building yourselves up" implies the correct use of the materials furnished.

2. "Praying in the Holy Ghost." Jude 20

1. There is no prayer without the Spirit. Romans 8:26; "Likewise the Spirit helpeth also <sup>not</sup> our infirmities:
  1. "For we know <sup>not</sup> what to pray for as we ought:
  2. "But the Spirit maketh intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."
  3. We want many things, and it may be that we pray for them which, were they granted, might prove our greatest misfortune.
  4. In contrast we may never ask for many things which would be our greatest blessing.
  5. Hence the Holy Spirit makes intercessions for us "in groanings which cannot be uttered"
  6. "Let him ask in "faith nothing wavering."  
James 1:6-8

3. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." Jude 21

1. This is not our love to God, but God's love to us.
2. "If you keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. Jno. 15:9, 10

4. "Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 21

1. Consider the object of this expectation.
  1. It is Christ's mercy.
    1. The mercy of Christ sums up all that redemption provides. No mercy therefore apart from Christ.
    2. Christ holds out its crowning blessing in the day of judgment, "Come ye blessed of my Father." Matthew 25:34
  2. The final issue of this expected mercy.
    1. "Eternal life." Jude 21
    2. This is the end of the true life of man.

5. "And of some have compassion making a difference." Jude 22

1. We are to be compassionate. Compassion becomes a Christian. The good Samaritan Luke 10:33.
2. We are to restore the fallen in the spirit of meekness. Gal. 6:1
3. The persons in this class may have fallen through weakness, ignorance: lack of right knowledge, or blinded zeal. Rom. 10:1-3
4. Wisdom is needed in dealing with the fallen.
  1. Some can only be won by love and not severity.

6. "And other save with fear pulling them out of the fire..." Jude 23

1. Saints can, in a sense, save transgressors.  
Examples:
  1. 1 Cor. 7:16; "For what knoweth thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thye husband: 2) or how knoweth thou O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife."
  2. 1 Tim. 4:16. "Take heed unto thy self, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."
2. Those in the fire may be plucked out with haste and severity. Firmness. 2 Cor. 5:10, 11

Jude 23

7. "Hating even the garment spotted by the filth of the world"
  1. In "pulling them out of the fire" save them: be careful lest they are contaminated with sin. They must avoid even the appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5:22



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