

The New Testament Church
The Book of Jude #11 – Jude 1:20-21; (Romans 8:26-27; 1st Corinthians 14:15)
Building Up Your Faith
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I Review of Jude - **called to contend** as well as **continue** in the faith

- A. Book of Jude - a summary of truths preparing the early Church for a “test” of evil rising
- B. A review of lessons one through four – Jude 1:1-13
 - 1. **Called** to faith and family – first test in Kingdom manifestation – Jesus is our example
 - 2. **Contend** - opposition causes us to clarify our beliefs (apologetics) – for original gospel
 - 3. **Continue** - overcome sinful obstacles by living under authority – a **submissive attitude**
 - a. Walk in the way of the cross rather than the “way of Cain” – lust of flesh - **pleasure**
 - b. Embracing godliness with contentment rather than greed – lust of eyes – **power**
 - c. Cultivating God’s presence through humility vs. pride of life – **spiritual pride**
 - d. Protected from detours by koinonia – community, participation – **fellowship**
 - e. Seeking a walk with God that is prepared for the Lord’s return – **maturity**
 - f. Embrace the judgment of God who turns ashes into beauty – **the promises of God**

II Continuing in Faith – Building up your Faith – Jude 1:20-21; Romans 8:26-27; 1st Cor. 14:15

- A. v. 20 – *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.*
 - 1. But you... have the Holy Spirit; holy conduct and godliness (2nd Peter 3:11)
 - a. How to overcome the warnings of judgment – *we need to pursue Christ (godliness)*
 - b. Jesus lived in *the power of the Holy Spirit* – and we must do so also!
 - 1. The Holy Spirit *proceeds out from* both the Father and the Son eternally.
 - 2. In OT, the Spirit of God gave ideas and wisdom and could fill an atmosphere
 - 2. Building yourself up – *to build upon a foundation*
 - a. Our responsibility to exercise our spiritual muscles on a regular basis *to God*
 - b. Build on the right foundation which is Christ (Word) in us by the power of the Spirit
 - 3. On your most holy faith – *belief, trust, confidence* knowing the Holy Spirit is within
 - a. We are born again, converted, by the work of the Spirit of God (John 3:6)
 - b. *Exercise our faith* (grow in truth) by rehearsing Biblical ideas (Ro. 10:17; Jn. 16:13)
 - 4. Praying in the Holy Spirit – Eph. 6:18; Ro. 8:26-27; 1st Cor. 14:15; 2nd Cor. 3:17-18
 - a. Praying according to His will as the Spirit leads you – petition, declaration, etc.
 - b. Praying in tongues – fire to burn up carnal desires – Mt. 3:12; 1st Cor. 14:2-22
 - 1. *Praying to God directly* (what you wouldn’t ask for normally) *for growth, edifies your own faith, bless God and others, speak to air (warfare), give thanks well*
 - 2. A distinction is made between private prayer in tongues and a public exhortation
- B. What are the results of praying in the Spirit? - v. 21 – *keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*
 - 1. To pray in the Spirit is to keep yourselves in the love of God
 - a. Keep yourselves – *to guard your heart* – withhold impure motives
 - b. The love of God is *agape* – unconditional love and acceptance – need “love-feasts”
 - 2. Looking for Mercy – *to admit or await endurance to receive unmerited favor*
 - a. Mercy triumphs over judgment – James 2:13
 - b. And it prepares us for resurrection life eternally in Jesus Christ!