

Caring Enough to Reach Out

Jude 22-23

I. Reminder / Review of Jude

- A. The subject: false teaching and apostasy
- B. The key instruction: “contend earnestly” for the faith (3)
- C. The summary: False teachers are ungodly and condemned (4-16)
- D. The shift: “but you beloved...” (17)
 - i. **Remember** the warnings about false teachers (17-19)
 - ii. **Remain** in the sphere where we experience God’s love (20-21)
 - iii. **Reach out** to those ensnared in false teaching (22-23)
 - iv. **Trust** the power of the sovereign God (24-25)

II. Three Instructions for reaching out to people in a world of error

- A. Have **mercy** on the **confused**. (22)
 - i. 1 Tim 1:3-6; Col 1:23
 - ii. A ministry of mercy involves: 1) love and compassion 2) a willingness to enter into their world and questions 3) spiritual growth in our own lives.
- B. Directly **warn** the **convinced**. (23a)
 - i. “snatching...” 1 Thes 4:17; Jn 10:12
 - ii. “from the fire...” Amos 4:11; Zec 3:2; Jd 1:7, 13
 - iii. Increased bluntness and directness is still done in love Eph 6:12; 2 Tim 2:24-25
- C. Cautiously **engage** the **committed**. (23b)
 - i. “mercy with fear...” - don't get dragged into their lifestyle Jd 1:4
 - ii. “hating the garment polluted by the flesh...” Lev 13

Closing -We reach out to others because God has reached out to us!

Tit 3:2-6; Rom 5:6-10