



Contenders Versus Pretenders (Part 2)

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Jude 20-23



17 But you, beloved, must remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, **18** that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers pursuing their own ungodly passions.” **19** These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly, without the Spirit. **20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in God's love while waiting for the mercy of our

Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. **22** And have mercy on those who are doubting; **23** but save others by snatching them out of the fire. And on some have mercy with fear while hating even the garment which is polluted by the flesh.

– Jude 17-23, translated by T. Bartolucci

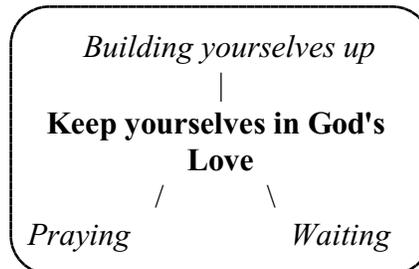
How to "contend for the faith" (v 3) all the way to "the presence of His glory" (v 24).

I. Safeguards Against Spiritual Suicide (vv. 17-21) - Key Word: “Transformation”

A. Remember Sound Words (17-19)

B. Remain in God's Love (20-21)

1. Building
2. Praying
3. Waiting



II. Sorting Through Spiritual Sickness (vv. 22-23) - Key Word “Triage”

A. The Progression from Bad to Worse

1. The Sick:
2. The Dying:
3. The Dead:

Note again Jude's preference of groups of three . . .