

Jude 24

Have Confidence in God

A doxological ...

I. To Him

- A. Who to Trust
- B. How to Trust

II. Who Keeps You

- A. By Grace
- B. With Faith
- C. In Perseverance
 - 1. Steadiness
 - 2. Stumbling-blocks
 - 3. More than Survival

III. And Receives You

- A. Before His Glory
- B. Totally Blameless
- C. Exceedingly Joyful

... benediction.

Children, Listen ...

1. Is there anyone or anything more powerful than God? If so, please list them.
2. If God had made you His, will he keep you through life and forever?
3. Does this mean that we can just sit back and do nothing? If not, what must we do?
4. How can it be that sinners like us can stand in the presence of God blameless?
5. Why will the joy we have in Christ now be even greater when we are in heaven?

½ Doxology ½ Benediction?

Our text today is the classic *doxology*. Our word doxology comes from two Greek words: doxa which simply means “glory” or “praise” and logos meaning “word.” So a doxology in our setting is a verbal expression of adoration directed to our God Who is worthy of all glory, honor, power and praise. In our services we usually sing those words of praise. But you can’t help but notice that this doxology contains some of the most comforting words of assurance one can find anywhere. With reference to our Almighty God we are told that He is the One who will keep us in this life and Who will fully receive us in the next. These *good words* are spoken to us for our comfort and blessing - which reminds us of another “worship word” *benediction*. This comes from Latin: bene "well or good" and “dicere” to speak. That is what is pronounced upon us – a good word from God. As we persevere in the life of faith may it be that our lives are a doxology unto God while we live every moment under His great benediction.