

# Guidelines for Avoiding Apostasy

Jude 1:17-25

## I. The Believer's Responsibility (vv. 17-23)

### A. Remember the teaching of the Apostles (vv. 17-19)

- (v. 17) *But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ*
- 1. The words of the Apostles
  - a. The Apostle Paul
    - Acts 20:29-30
  - b. The Apostle Peter
    - II Peter 2:1-3, 3:3-4
  - c. The Apostle John
    - I John 4:1-3
- 2. Scoffers in the last days (vv. 18-19)
  - (v. 18a) *How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time...*
  - a. They live \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (v. 18b) *...who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*
  - b. They seek to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (v. 19a) *These be they who separate themselves...*
    - Acts 20:30
  - c. They are \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (v. 19b) *...sensual, having not the Spirit*

### B. Nurture yourself (vv. 20-21)

- (v. 20) *building up yourselves on your most holy faith*

How does the believer build up himself?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20b)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - Acts 20:32
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_  
*...praying in the Holy Ghost*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21a)  
*Keep yourselves in the love of God...*
  - a. Being \_\_\_\_\_ with God's love for you
    - Ephesians 3:17-19
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ to His Word
    - John 14:21-23, I John 2:5
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's return (v. 21b)  
*...looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*
  - Titus 2:13, II Peter 3:12

### C. Be merciful to others (vv. 22-23)

1. Deal compassionately with those who are \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith
  - (v. 22a) *And of some have compassion, making a difference*
  - Ephesians 4:2
2. Seek to win \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (v. 23) *And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

## II. The Lord's Ability (vv. 24-25)

### A. His \_\_\_\_\_

- (v. 24a) *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling...*

### B. His \_\_\_\_\_

- (v. 24b) *...and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy*

**Conclusion:** (v. 25)