

Sunday Message

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Main Point

Jude writes for the purpose of exhorting believers to contend: for the faith (vv. 3-4), for their own hearts (20-21), and for others (22-23). But all of this contending is rooted in the faithfulness of God, and the grace of God.

Key Ideas

1. He is able to keep you from stumbling

- Despite an OT history that's littered with stories of people who didn't remain faithful (vv. 5-19), we have this massive assurance in vv. 24-25 that he will keep us faithful!
- We are called to keep ourselves in the love of God, but it's his keeping of us (vv. 1, 24-25) that makes our keeping of ourselves possible.

2. He is able to present you blameless before the presence of his glory

- No one will present himself blameless on that day based on his own works. It is only he who is able to present us blameless, clothed in his own righteousness!
- We will never be more aware of our own sin than on that last day, but neither will we ever be more aware of the grace of God.

3. He will present you blameless with great joy!

- We will experience joy like no other on that day.
- But if we truly grasp this promise now, we will be able to live in the good of this great joy in the present.
- This perspective transforms our hearts and gives us joy in both prosperity and adversity.
- This is why Jude cannot conclude without breaking into worship (v. 25).
- The One who does all the preserving and all the presenting is the One who deserves all the glory!

Take It Home

Applying the Preached Word



Fellowship Starters

Treasure – Application to stir our love for Christ

1. Are you troubled by frequent doubts about whether you will remain faithful to God till the end? If so, has this message helped you to confront those doubts? How?
2. What are some specific ways that God has kept you from falling up till now? Does this experience of God's grace to date help you generate faith for the future?
3. Have you experienced the “great joy” promised in v. 24, in the present? How has this perspective transformed your experience of prosperity? How has it transformed your experience of adversity?

Grow – Application to stir our obedience to Christ

4. We are commanded in v. 21 to keep ourselves in the love of God. How does the promise of “being kept” by God (in verses 1 and 24) help you in your commitment to “keep yourself” (v. 21)?
5. Can you testify of a time when your grip on God was weak, yet you felt his tight grip on you? When your perseverance was strengthened by the massive assurance that God was preserving you?

Proclaim – Application to stir our witness for Christ

6. Does the picture of being presented blameless in Christ (v. 24) stir your desire to share the gospel with those who currently don't know him, who would be presented before the holiness of God bearing the blame of their own sin?
7. How do the promises of verses 1 and 24 give you confidence for evangelism?