HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

"...." But you, Beloved...." Jude 17 - 25





What is false teaching? That which does not line up with what Jesus and the Apostles taught

The Church is built on the foundation of the Apostles, Prophets, and Jesus, the Chief Cornerstone - Ephesians 2: 20

What is heresy?

- To deny a core doctrine of the Christian faith
- To choose contrary to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles

In the true Church, there can be differing views on many things that are not heresy: Eschatology, Spiritual Gifts, Eternal Security, Non-Eternal Security, Old earth vs. Young earth, etc.

What are the essentials?

 Salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone

2) The Deity of Christ - Jesus is God

3) The Resurrection of Christ

4) The Gospel message (death, burial and resurrection of Jesus)

What are the essentials? 5) The Virgin Birth 6) The Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit are God) 7) Jesus is the <u>only</u> way to God

False teachers will distort one or more of these area



Galatians 1: 6-9 1 Corinthians 3: 6 Deuteronomy 4: 2 Proverbs 30: 6

But you stick with the Word of God and know it!

<u>Verse 18 - 19</u>

There were mockers then and now; "....nothing new under the sun" Ecclesiastes 1:9

Expect your faith to be mocked - John 15: 18-20

Remember, spiritual kingdoms are clashing - <u>Ephesians 6: 12</u>

Satan's goal is to blind minds and keep people in darkness -<u>2 Corinthians 4: 3-6</u>

No demon and no human can block the light of Christ -John 1: 9; John 8: 12

The majority do not want the light; they fight against the light; they love darkness - John 3: 19-21 But you like a bull in a blizzard, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." <u>1 Corinthians 16: 13</u>

<u>Verse 20 - 21</u>

YOU - build yourself up in the faith - there are no shortcuts!! YOU - pray in line with the Holy **Spirit - this dismantles** Satan's schemes!! **YOU - keep yourselves in the love** of God - keep God central in your mind!! YOU - start your day with Jesus; walk through your day with Jesus; end your day with Jesus!

<u>Verse 22 - 23</u>

Have compassion on doubters:

- When doubts creep in, simply go back to the basics
- Doubters need to look at the evidence
 - *"Jesus is either a liar, lunatic or Lord"* (Josh McDowell)

What <u>not</u> to do with doubters:

- <u>DO NOT</u>:
 - Criticize, censor, belittle, be judgmental, harsh, or say, "What's wrong with you?", etc.
 - It is between them and God; you cannot beg, plead, or manipulate someone to believe - <u>1 Corinthians 2: 1-5</u>

What <u>to do</u> with doubters:

- <u>DO</u>:
 - Reach out
 - Have compassion and patience
 - Lovingly redirect them to the truth
 - Pray for them

What about those caught up with false teachers and/or cults?

- Do what you can to rescue them from their clutches -"Pulling them out of the fire"
- This takes great effort and aggressive action
- Again, you can't make someone believe the truth!!

CAUTION:

Don't become contaminated by their sin while trying to rescue them

WARNING:

Don't get too close; guard your mind and your life Joshua 23: 6-13

<u>Verse 24 - 25</u>

KNOW that God will keep you safe -<u>Philippians 1:6</u>

KNOW that God will keep you from stumbling and falling

KNOW that God views you as faultless -*"present you faultless"*

KNOW that all glory goes to God, our Savior, who alone is wise -<u>1 Timothy 1:17</u>

CONCLUSION: BUT YOU, BELOVED....

But you, *Beloved*, as you walk through this time called your life, never forget: *God is greater than any threat, any giant, any fear!!* "Jude is a book full of warning, but it closes with supreme confidence in God. Dangerous times should make us trust in a mighty God." (David Guzik)

But you, *Beloved*, let these next words be your *BATTLE CRY!!*

"I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD UNTIL I DIE" (Richard Allen Farmer)