

## Finishing Well As God's Beloved

Text: Jude 17-25

February 26, 2022

### Question #1 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

### Question #2 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

### Question #3 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

### Question #4 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

### Question #5

- a) **Read Jude 1, 3, 17 and 20.** Why do you think it was significant for Jude to repeatedly call his listeners "beloved"?
- b) **Read 1 John 3:1.** In this verse, what is John's response to his identity as a child of God?
- c) Think about your past week: Have you had moments where you are struck by who you are in Christ? What gets in the way of this for you? Why is your identity in Christ so foundational?

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**Point 1: REMEMBER God's WARNING (vv. 17-19)**

### Question #6

- a) How does Jude describe the false teachers of the day?
- b) Read 2 Tim 4:1-4. These verses serve as a warning to all of us to be in guard against itching ears that accumulate for ourselves teachers to suit our passions. Where do you tend to get your "ears scratched" these days? If you took an inventory of your "information diet", are you taking in a large volume of worldly voices/opinions (e.g. through streaming, social media, news)?

**Point 2: REMAIN in God's LOVE (vv. 20-21)**

**Question #7**

- a) Pastor Chris mentioned 3 ways we remain in God's love: Growing up in God's Word (Jude 20a, Acts 20:32), Praying in the Spirit (Jude 20b) and Waiting for Christ's coming (Jude 21b, Titus 2:11-13). Which of these is most easily ignored in your life?
- b) How can you grow in that area this month? How can your group help you?

**Point 3: REACH OUT with God's MERCY (vv. 22-23)**

**Question #8**

- a) These verses tell us to show mercy in a variety of ways to a variety of people: the doubting (v22), the deceived (v23a) and the defiled (v23b). What are the different images given in these verses?
- b) How do these images help to illustrate the different merciful approaches needed for different people?

**Question #9**

*"The Scripture which ... teaches us what we are to say, is equally explicit as to the temper and Spirit in which we are to speak." -John Newton*

- a) **Read Eph 4:29, 1 Thess 5:14 and Gal 6:1-2.** According to these verses, what should the "temper" of our speech be marked by?
- b) Why is this particularly important today?

**Point 4: REJOICE in God's GREATNESS (vv. 24-25)**

**Pray with your Bibles open to Jude 24-25**

- a) REVERENCE before God: i) O Lord, you are the only One who is able to \_\_\_\_\_. ii) O Lord, to You be all \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of unbelief & your unfaithful responses to His grace.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: i) For how He KEEPS and GUARDS you (1 Pt. 1:3-5)
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Ask the Lord...i) To keep you from STUMBLING in the area of \_\_\_\_\_. ii) To increase the fruit of GREAT JOY in your life in spite of \_\_\_\_\_ (loss, conflict, etc). iii) Keep you from trusting \_\_\_\_\_ to bring you the "good life".

**Memory Verse:**

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God..." -Jude 20-21a*

