

Jude

But You, . . .

Jude 17-23

Jude, the brother of Jesus, reminds us how to live as followers of Jesus.

Overcome False Teachers With The Truth Of The Apostolic Message

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.”

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

You should spend more time reading the New Testament than you do reading what people say about the New Testament.

No one has ever written anything about Jesus that is more truthful, more insightful, and more beneficial than what the Apostles wrote about Jesus.

Overcome False Teachings By Remaining In the Love Of God

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

The False Teachers had no place for the love of God or love of others.

The follower of Jesus relies on the truth of our faith to guide our life. That truth is connected to love. We do not rely on our culture.

Show Mercy To Those Overcome By False Teachers And False Teachings

22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

Our culture, in rebellion against God, needs love and mercy. It also needs the truth about Jesus. Only followers of Jesus can share both with them.

We are to live differently than our culture, fundamentally different. We are to live as followers of Jesus.