

# SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS IN THE CHURCH

## (THE BOOK OF JUDE)

### Part 6

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Since we are surrounded by apostate false teachers, we must be fully alert. The enemy would love to cleverly entice us away from the truth of God's Word. There are already many professing believers who have become casualties in this intense war for truth. Some are deserters, some have been captured and some have been killed by the enemy.

In these last days, as believers, we are encouraged to remain faithful and strong. We are also encouraged to be so involved in the fight for truth that we become valuable to others in the fight. Even though it might seem like it at times, we are not alone in this fierce battle.

The author, Jude, finishes his letter with clear instruction to the child of God. This is no place for a non-committed believer. This is a call to those who are serious about the Christian life and victory.

**A STRATEGIC COMMAND**

**Jude 20-21**

- As believers we are commanded to be **careful** to live a life that can experience and **benefit** from the love of God toward us.
- We must guard our relationship with God so that we experience genuine **fellowship**.

- We must **live** a life that allows us to receive His great love and all its **benefits**.
- There are three ways we **stay** in the “atmosphere” of His love:
  - 1) By being in a **steady** spiritual growth pattern.
    - STAY FAT!
      - Faithful**
      - Available**
      - Teachable**
    - Be a diligent **student** of “the faith.”
  - 2) By communicating with the heavenly Father **throughout** each day.
    - Praying without signing **off**. (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*)
    - By **means** of the Holy Spirit according to God's **will**.
  - 3) By anticipating with **great** expectancy the coming of Jesus Christ.
    - To be in **His** presence. (*Titus 2:13*)
    - To balance our life on **earth**.

## OUR RESPONSE TO OTHER PROFESSING BELIEVERS

### Jude 22-23

- We are commanded to show godly compassion to those who are **confused**.
  - They have “doubts” and are hesitant, but are **examining** the possibilities.
  - They are not **settled** in their convictions.
  - We show them compassion as we **lead** them to the truth.
- We are to aggressively **confront** those who are following apostate false teachers.

- By rescuing them from sure **judgment**.
  - By approaching them with a **firm** warning and forceful exhortation.
  - By not compromising the **truth**.
- We are to have compassion for those who are sinning as a result of **following** the false teachers. We do this with the fear of displeasing Christ.
    - By loving the deceived one but **hating** their sin.
    - By confronting their **sin** with scriptural principles.
    - By limiting your time with them to only a strategy of **restoration**.

**ALL GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST**

**Jude 24-25**

### **The Ministry of Jesus Christ to Believers**

- He protects us when we are **attacked** by false teachers and false teaching.
- His “safekeeping” includes our...
  - **Salvation** (It is kept secure at **all** times.)
  - **Mindset** (We don’t doubt His Word.)
  - Our **ability** to learn the truth of God’s Word
  - Our ability to not **sin** when enticed by false teaching.
  - To remain solid in our **doctrine** by not falling into error.
- He will one day place us down in front of the **Father’s** throne to introduce us as His (Christ’s) **bride**.
- We will arrive in the **Throne** Room without a spot or blemish (as a lamb without blemish).
- To arrive in the Throne Room this way **requires** that the “Judgment Seat of Christ” (Bema Judgment) is accomplished before the introduction.

- The sequence of events goes this way:



## The Praise must be to Jesus Christ

- He is the **only** Savior.
- He is **our** Savior.
- He is the **"instrument"** of salvation.
- He is the epitome of glorious **splendor**.
- His prominence is **majestic**.
- He possesses indescribable **power** and strength.
- He is sovereign over all in authority and **control**.
- He is **eternal**. (He supercedes the ages.)

**No wonder the enemy has a vast network of false teachers to discredit His person and reputation!**

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Are you a careful, watchful believer in these days of false teaching?
2. Do you follow false teaching quickly because you are not in the atmosphere of God's love?
3. Are you practicing questionable things because you have been seduced by false teaching?
4. Are you staying "pure" doctrinally in these days of apostasy?