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Title: "To Outsiders"

Jude 1-19 addresses the characteristics false teachers

1. They deny the deity of Jesus and the Trinity
2. They avoid the tough subjects like human sexuality, gender, marriage (antinomian and licentious)
3. They are more concerned with followers than the truth
4. They are often sexually immoral
5. They love money and are greedy
6. They fleece God's sheep, not feed God's sheep God's Word
7. They are infatuated with position and prestige, wanting the positions of privilege and power, not serving God's people
8. They use speaking gifts to boast, or get a crowd, or flatter people for influence
9. They rely on dreams, experiences, feelings for objective truth, not God's Word ("I was born in the wrong body...". God doesn't make mistakes)
10. They will face a certain and severe judgment from God

Jude 20-21 addresses guarding our hearts/insides against false teachers
(last week's message) **by:**

1. Keep building up your faith
2. Keep praying in the Spirit
3. Keep living in God's love
4. Keep anticipating Jesus's return

Today's message:

Jude 22-23 - Keep reaching the lost (the outsiders to the faith)

Do you have family, friends, others who you know don't believe? Jude gives three kinds of people:

1. Those with a doubting faith
2. Those who either outright don't believe and/or have walked away from the faith
3. Those obstinately living in sinful immorality (may call themselves "Christian?")

What should we do? They are people we love, and we are concerned for their eternity.

Jude 22-23 gives his answer to these questions:

Jude 22-23

22 *And have mercy on those who doubt; 23* *save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.*

Verse 22 addresses first those with a doubting faith:

22 *And have mercy on those who doubt;*

- we are to have mercy on them. Definition: Not receiving what we deserve
- remember the mercy you have received from Jesus
- we are selfish sinners
- we have no ability within ourselves to save ourselves

- we deserve hell, yet Jesus's mercy saved us
- many doubters have tender hearts, and your mercy goes a long way to their salvation
- we have no self-righteousness when speaking with them: NONE
- **John 8:1-11**: the older people dropped their rocks first
- and always recognize that there are two kinds of doubt:

1. Doubt that leads to unbelief (dangerous!)

James 1:6

6 *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

2. Doubt that is looking for answers

- “the ants in the pants of faith” as someone once called it
- there are answers to people's doubts

1 Peter 3:15

15 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

- it's partially our job to help them find the answers/resources
- but it's also on them to find the answers
- “lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink”
- with the **first kind** of doubt? There is little you can do (hard hearts)
- with the **second kind** of doubt? Always be ready to help them (tender hearts)
- you can tell the difference between

Verse 23a gives a second group of “others” who need to be snatched out of the fire

Jude 23a

23 *save others by snatching them out of the fire;*

- these are the people who have bought the lies of false teachers
- they don't believe in eternal judgment and the reality of hell

- they live by their works and pride, denying the deity of Jesus, atheists, agnostics
- they are those who have adopted the spirit of the age

Colossians 2:8

8 *See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

- those who reject the gospel as a “stumbling block/offense”
- the gospel cuts against all their human pride
- the stern “warning” is because they have become hardhearted
- these need to be warned about the reality of hell:

Ezekiel 33:8

8 *If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.*

- by both me (as a preacher) and you (as someone in their life)!
- maybe they need a shock about salvation by works to awaken their dead hearts?
- always remember that we’re in sales, God’s in management

Verse 23b gives a third group of “others,” people living in immorality, perhaps never having heard the gospel

23b *...to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.*

- show them “mercy”
- many have never heard that their lifestyles are sin in God’s eyes
- some of us may have once been entrapped there too
- we are all sinners, saved by God’s grace and mercy
- we approach them “in fear,” in the fear of the Lord:

Proverbs 1:7

7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

- they are in a dangerous eternal state
- we know how easily sin infects “the garment” (leprosy a type of sin biblically)
- how sin infected us and our “garment”
- we hate the sin (as God does) but love the sinner (created in God’s image)
- critics who become angry with this:
- they say their behavior is their identity (a “gay” Christian, for example)
- I stand against your sexual feelings/behavior being your identity
- Jesus alone is your identity!
- Jesus yearns for them to be in heaven; and so do we
- but warn them we must if they persist in this sin

With all three groups: Don’t forget the power of INTERCESSION preceding SALVATION

- the power of believing prayer
- the power of a mom’s believing prayer

List their names now. Start praying for them. Pray for a chance to share Jesus

With all three groups, remember:

1. Seek discernment

James 1:5

5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

2. Show mercy and compassion

Matthew 5:7

7 *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

3. Be bold and courageous

Joshua 1:9-10

9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* **10** And Joshua commanded the officers of the

people...

4. Seek restoration to Jesus and his church

Galatians 6:1

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

All these three groups matter to God. The proof?

- The cradle
- The cross

May MOHC always be a church with a passionate desire to seek and save the lost!

Remember **baptisms on October 19th**, next Sunday at 9 and 11!!! Please sign up!