"Zealous For The Truth Series" Lesson Thirteen: "Distinctive Christian Living"

Jude 17-25

Conquerors Bible Class – Sunday, November 1, 2020

Today's Lesson thought can be summed up by asking this simple question... "Are You Living A Truly Distinctive Christian Life Today??"

Today's Lesson Theme Verse is found in this passage of Scripture...

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 20 and 21

Lesson: Distinctive Christian Living

- I : Remember the Warning as seen in Jude 17-19
 - A: Last-Time Mockers are seen in Jude verses 17 and 18
 - o Deuteronomy 6:12, II Peter 3:3-4, II Timothy 3:1-17, II Timothy 4:1-8, Acts 20-28-38
 - B: They are seen Causing Division in verse 19
 - o II Timothy 3:1-7, I Corinthians 14:33, I Corinthians 2:14,
- II : Jude then gives Exhortations To Christian Living in verses 20-23
 - A: By Building and Praying as seen in Jude verses 20-21
 - o I Peter 1:5, I John 4:19, John 14:15, John 14:1-3, Acts 1:11
 - C: Rescuing Others as seen in verses 22 and 23
 - o Jude verses 22-23
 - I am often times reminded of the story Brother Staner would tell in his Soul-Winners Club presentation about Soul-Winning being a 'Rescue Operation' and not a Social Club...
 - 'A Pastor told the story of a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks frequently occurred. Finally, some folks erected a small life-saving station. There was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved and the wonderful little place soon became famous. Other people then wanted to become associated with it, and they gave of their time and money for its support. Soon a new building was erected. Beautifully decorated and furnished, it became a sort of clubhouse. Some now lost interest in going out to sea to aid the needy. Later when a huge shipwreck occurred off the coast, survivors were brought into the building and the attractive new clubhouse was considerably marred and soiled. At the next meeting there was a split in the membership. Most of them felt that the life-saving activities were becoming unpleasant and a hindrance to the social life of the organization. Those who disagreed were told to begin another station down the beach; so they did. As the years went by, however, history continued to repeat itself. Today that seacoast has a number of exclusive clubs dotting the shore, but no one is concerned with rescue operations anymore.'

 Oh, that our church would not just be some type of Social Club with a steeple on it! God is concerned for lost souls and the child of God should be the same way!

III : Jude's Doxology as seen in verses 24 and 25

A: Jude reminds us that we are Kept From Falling in verse 24

B: God's Attributes in verse 25

- o In this verse we see four attributes that belong to God alone:
 - 1 God's Glory
 - "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory..."
 - o II Chronicles 5:13-14
 - 2 God's Majesty
 - "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty..."
 - 3 God's Dominion
 - "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion..."
 - 4 God's Power
 - "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Conclusion:

False teachers may come and the false teachers may go, but we as true believers can rest assured that God is still God and always shall be, "...both now and ever. Amen."

Don't let the false teachers of our day cause you to miss out on the blessings that God has stored up for you in Heaven! Stay faithful to the Word of God and let it prove the faithfulness of God to you in every chapter you read and apply to your life!

Invitation:

If you are listening to the sound of my voice as I teach this lesson today, please don't let the devil and his band of hellish false teachers cause you to miss out on accepting the greatest gift ever given to mankind called SALVATION! If you are not saved and on your way to Heaven today, why not trust God's Word and receive Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour today??

And if you are saved, may this lesson help you to be ever more willing to stand up boldly and openly proclaim to a lost and dying world a true "Distinctive Christian Living" style and manner of life each and every day!

One day soon, Jesus will return and you will be so glad that you not only trusted His Word, but that you served Him and obeyed Him because you loved Him enough to do it!

Stand "Zealous for the Truth" today and in every way of your life, for the sake of those who are lost, for the sake of those who are saved but who are weak in the spirit, but most importantly, for the sake of the testimony of Jesus Christ in your own life!

False Teachers will never be able to divide God's People if God's People Will Choose to stay in God's Book!