

Jude: What will you hold on to?
Jude 17-23
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What are you holding on to?
What is keeping you afloat?
What is dragging you down?

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These teachers are bringing real suffering and pain
Jude counsels' faithfulness to good teaching- why?
We make all suffering worse when our doctrine is wrong.
God wants our “inner man” to flourish in all seasons and circumstances.
The enemy comes after our doctrine.

How do we hold on to good doctrine?
1- Remember that all things/people are in God’s plans.
This is true of ALL terrifying times in life.

2- Keep ourselves in the love of God.
We are all kept by God.
We are to keep ourselves close to God.
We keep ourselves by knowing and applying the gospel daily.
Pray Christ-centered, God-dependent, Scripture-submitted prayers.
We keep each other.

This will end and bring us to a much better forever with God.

All doctrine expresses some facet of God's love.

Holiness- that we would know God in all of his glory so our souls would be full.

Humans' sin- God overcomes the impossible gap between sinners and the Holy One.

Predestination- God will not fail at saving and transforming all who come to him by faith.

Justice- God will ensure that all wrongs will be made right, and to destroy evil & restore goodness.

Hold fast to the love of God!! (Eph. 3)

What about those who can't hold on, they've given themselves to some bad teaching?

Be merciful

Save and snatch them

What does this look like in our community at TSF?

It comes at a cost

Requires committed, gritty love (gotta deal with people's "stains")

Our church is worth it! Christ's Church is worth it…and we've seen it at TSF!

Don't respond with, "Give me that kind of church!"

Respond with, "I'll help make sure TSF is that kind of church!"

In the vast ocean of bad choices, sin, painful relationships, bad doctrine, struggling Christians.

What are you holding on to?

Who around you needs to be mercifully snatched up and saved?

So what?

You can't build up without a foundation- say yes to the gospel today. (Pray)

Be quick to rescue those who are struggling with faith.

Be committed to this local body.

Be all in- strong in faith, pray in the Spirit, keep in God's love through Jesus.