

Sermon Title: "AVOIDING APOSTASY"

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Central Idea: Christians must learn to resist the influence of ungodly people. Are you preparing yourself to recognize and resist such people?

Introduction: Having identified the apostates in expressive language, Jude gave the believers guidelines on how to avoid the apostates' errors. It is not enough to recognize false teachers; it is also necessary to avoid falling into their errors. We must build ourselves up in the last times to resist ungodly people who will try to undermine us. At the same time we must try to help others who might be taken in by them.

Jude presents us with five specific instructions for survival:

I. Remember the Apostles, vv. 17-20.

II. Keep Yourselves in God, v. 21.

1. Building, v. 20
2. Praying, v. 20
3. Waiting, v. 21

III. Evangelize Others, vv. 22-23.

IV. Be Able to Protect, v. 24.

V. Practice Praise and Adoration, v. 25.

Conclusion: Jude's letter is a survival manual for Christians living in times of apostasy. Christians living in such an age should not be surprised by increasing apostasy. Through diligent study of God's Word, through praying in the Spirit, and through watching hopefully for the Lord's coming, Christians can confidently reach out to unbelievers with loving concern that they too may be saved.

Jude fulfills his heart's desire of writing in the most joyful terms (v. 3), for in Christ there is hope in victory. This gives believers joy and confidence.