

Spiritual Foundations

Scripture: Jude 1:20-23

Introduction

Perhaps the greatest need in the Church today is the need for men and women who have developed a high degree of personal, spiritual stability.

Jude, in this passage, gives us four strong elements of a spiritual foundation, and then proceeds to show us the normal result of Christian stability.

- I. Foundational elements which give stability
 - A. The bedrock of faith

Jude 1:20-21 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 the Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
 - B. The compacted soil of hope

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform.
 - C. The rebar of praying in the Spirit

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - D. The concrete of God's love

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.
 - E. The concrete of God's love

1 John 3:1a Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.
- II. The work of those who've been stabilized on firm foundations

Jude 1:22-23 And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the

fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

- A. A proper attitude toward the lost
 1. Hating the GARMENT (works of sinners) soiled by the flesh
 2. Loving the soul of the sinner
- B. Be merciful to those who doubt
- C. Snatch others from the fire and save them
- D. To others show mercy mixed with fear