

Review:

VS 20: OUR REACTION? EDIFICATION

BUILDING!

1. **Focus on edification. Vs 20**
2. **Respond in prayer. Vs 20b** KEY: The **Spirit** of God will use the **Word** of God to instruct our prayers.

KEEPING!**3. Know God loves us! Vs 21a**

- Here we see the _____ nature of the book of Jude (When you study Heb – Rev you must remember that these books have a _____ application. **2 Timothy 3:16**
There is a devotional application here for the church, because...
- In the age of GRACE, you don't _____ in the love of God,
HE _____! **Romans 8:38–39**
- The General Epistles (Heb – Rev) have much to say to the church, but KNOW they also have a transitional / _____ application as well!
You will see this same transitional application in the Gospels as well. **Matthew 10:22** compare **Revelation 3:5; 2:7** and **Matthew 24:1–16**

Note the tribulation time danger Read **Rev 13-14**

Revelation 13:15–18 compare **14:9–11** *These did not endure to the end.*

See also Revelation 21:7

- Over and over the admonition is to do a self-examination. The warning: “Take the mark of the beast and be cut off from God.”
- Jude’s commands will directly apply during “the time of Jacob’s trouble.”
Jeremiah 30:7; 31:7; Romans 9:27; 11:25–27

What about the church age believer?

Of all the General Epistles, John has the most to say that applies to us in the church age.

1 John 5:4–5

AGAIN: In the age of GRACE, you don't keep yourself in the love of God, HE KEEPS YOU!

Romans 8:38–39 compare **John 10:27–30**

- Once you have the love of God (**John 14:21; 15:4**) nothing can separate the church age believer from the love of God, but you can have bitterness or defilement keep you from enjoying it (as close to “cut off” as the believer can get).

LOOKING!

4. **Keep a focus on the end. (or JSOC) 21b**

- Salvation? We have **Ephesians 2:4–9**

As believers today, we do not look anymore for “mercy” “unto eternal life.”

- Here is a great example of the need of God’s mercy in the life of the believer. **2 Timothy 1:16**
- Here, God’s mercy is related to our _____!

Keeping yourself in the love of God is self-examination (_____) – but also, looking for the MERCY of

God keeps an _____ focus related to our future.

A focus on the return of Christ and His judgment seat functions to keep us living properly in order to position us to receive mercy at the judgment seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:13–15

Three eternal things are mentioned in this letter.

1. Life (Jude 1:21)
2. Chains (Jude 1:6)
3. Fire (Jude 1:7)