

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church  
Sunday, July 26, 2020

## **Sermon Outline**

### **“Genuine Believers Must Be Careful To Keep Growing Spiritually In The Faith!”**

*- Jude 20 - 23*

(2020 N. T. Character Study Sermon)

#### I. BELIEVERS MUST KEEP THEMSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD, v-21a --The place of blessings.

- A. It is Our **Responsibility** To Do So. Jn. 15:9,10
  - 1. It is a command, thus not optional. --**“Keep”**
  - 2. The three participles, growing, praying, and waiting, show the how.
- B. By Growing In The Faith, v-20a; Cf. v-3
  - 1. God’s Word Is His Means To **Build Us Up Spiritually**, v-20a; Jn. 17:17
  - 2. God wants us to be growing, 1 Pet. 2:2; Acts 20:32
- C. By Praying In The Spirit, v-20b
  - 1. It is not speaking in Tongues! The debate at the Church of Corinth --1 Cor. 12:28-30
  - 2. Praying, in the **will, purposes, control of and power of**, Eph. 5:18; James 5:16
- D. By Embracing The Hope Of Eternal Life, v-21b --“Waiting anxiously” - Jn. 3:16, 36; 6:40; Tit. 2:13, 14 --The ultimate fulfillment of it

#### II. BELIEVERS MUST ALWAYS TAKE SERIOUSLY THE PLIGHT OF THE LOST, v-22, 23

--The Apostate False Teachers had already damaged the Church!

- A. We Must Help Those Who Are Sincere Doubters, v-22 --The False Teachers caused them to become confused and doubt the truth, --It happened before, Gal. 3:1 --We are to have mercy on them and reach for them.
- B. We Must Reach For Those Who Are Perishing, v-23a --On the road to Hell., singed by it’s fire! --Convinced that the False Teachers are correct.
- C. We Must Reach For Those Who Are Deep In Satan’s Web, v-23b
  - 1. With **mercy with fear** lest we become caught. --1 Pet. 5:8
  - 2. With hate for their stained garment, lest we become overcome in their sin, Cf. v-4b “licentiousness”