

**TEXT: Jude 1:22-23**

**TITLE: "Spiritual Rescue"**

→ **Jude gives three powerful commands to the Saints to offer spiritual rescue to people affected by the false teachers.**

## **1. Demonstrate Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ to Doubters \_\_\_\_\_ —1:22**

### **A. The Power of Mercy**

- 1. Its Meaning**
- 2. Its Usage**

### **B. The Need for Mercy—the Doubters**

### **C. The Application to "Showing Mercy" to Doubters**

- 1. Don't give up on someone who is struggling in their faith.**
- 2. Don't "write them off" and say, "You're impossible!"**
- 3. Understand their error in action and belief.**
- 4. Trace their false thinking to its source—from the false teachers?**
- 5. Understand the gross spiritual confusion caused by teaching that contradicts Scripture.**
- 6. Reason with their doubts and concerns from the Bible!**
- 7. Have compassion and seek to lead them to correction and a biblical understanding of truth.**

→ **NOTE: 2 Timothy 2:23-26**

## **2. Deliver Ones on the Brink \_\_\_\_\_ of Destruction \_\_\_\_\_ —1:23a**

### **A. Some Unsaved People Were Under the Destructive Influence**

**of False Teachers Leading to Eternal Judgment**

- 1. "Fire" here could be the fires of Hell**
- 2. They needed to be snatched by the Gospel from hell.**

### **B. Some Saved People Were Near the Brink of Destruction, as Lot Was Before Sodom Was Destroyed—They Needed to Be Rescue/Saved/Delivered**

- 1. "Fire" here would represent judgment/discipline from God.**
- 2. Removal from the impending fire would show urgency, before judgment came.**

### **C. Some Saved People Had Undergone the Fire of Discipline and Were in Need of Restoration, as Judah Returned from Captivity**

- 1. "Fire" here would be earthly discipline from God.**
- 2. These people needed restoration from discipline.**

→ **NOTE: Zechariah 3:1-5**

### **D. Applications from Delivering those on the Brink**

- 1. We need a sense of urgency to rescue believers from falsehoods and sin.**
- 2. We need a sense of urgency to share the Gospel that unbelievers will see their need and trust in Christ!**

## **3. Demonstrate Mercy to the Doubters \_\_\_\_\_—1:23b**

### **A. Show Compassion on the Soul of the Sinner**

### **B. Hate the Defilement of Sin on the Sinner**

- 1. In the rescue, don't get defiled.**
- 2. Never lose sight of God's holiness in an unholy world.**

**APPLICATION:**