

Don't buy the Fake News about True Faith

How to live in a world of fake news about a TRUE FAITH (Jude 1:17-23)

1. I must "GROW UP" and remain, "FAITH-FULL" #SpiritualAdulting

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy (pure) faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. Jude 1:17-21(NLT)

a. I am to **know** and **grow** in **His truth**. (build each other up in the holy (pure) faith...)

All Scripture is God-breathed (breathed into the writers) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness... 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

All the believers devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** (the Bible) and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. **Acts 2:42 (NLT)**

b. I am to **pray** constantly. Ask the **Holy Spirit** to help.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what He has heard...

John 16:13 (NLT)

c. I am always, always, to live with the **future** in mind.

...and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life.

2. I must help the <u>confused</u> and <u>lost</u> find His truth. (Three types of people)

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. **Jude 1:22-23 (NLT)**

- a. I must help the <u>confused</u>; The believer who is uncertain.

 And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.
- b. I must help the <u>clueless</u>; Those who don't know Jesus Christ.

 Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment.
- c. I must help the **corrupted**; Those who have fallen away.

Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people...our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own... **Titus 2:11&14 (NIV)**

Going deeper on your own. Going deeper on your own. Read Jude 1:17-23, Acts 2:38-47, and Ephesians 4:1-16. What role does God's church play in the role of a believer? Notice the importance of God's Word being used in the church. What gifts has God given the church to help believers regarding how to live when fake news is being spread about true faith? What is one thing you can put in place to help you grow in God's truth? Talk with someone you truly know and trust, and tell them the one thing you are committing to do. Ask them to encourage and support you in this effort.