CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 1, 2021
"CONTENDERS"…A Study of the Book of Jude
Part 14: "*Constructive Specifications – Looking for the Mercy of God"* Jude 21b

We are living in a critical time in our world, when the basic truths of the Christian faith are being ignored or intentionally rebelled against. The study of Jude is appropriate and timely as Jude challenges us to contend for the faith!

TODAY'S TRUTH: When apostasy arises, when false teachers emerge, it is time to fight for the faith. **Of course when we talk about our faith, we need to be sure we are "of the faith" and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ, which is evidenced in our acknowledging, accepting, and anticipating the mercy of God.**
CONTENDER: One who struggles with **skill and commitment** to oppose whatever is not of faith.
MERCY: "Compassion, pity, covenant-loyality." The withholding of a just condemnation.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE THE MERCY OF GOD

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy."
Psalm 145:8

- ***PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC***
  Exodus 34: 6-7
- ***POINTING TO A COMMITMENT***
  Ezekiel 33:11

2. ACCEPT THE MERCY OF GOD

"However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life."
1 Timothy 1:16

- ***CONFESS OUR SIN***
  1 Tim. 1:13,15; Ps. 130: 3-4
- ***COMMIT TO OUR SAVIOR***
  Ephesians 2: 1-9

3. ANTICIPATE THE MERCY OF GOD

"keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." ***Jude 21***

- ***HOPE IN HIS WORD***
  Psalm 130: 5-8
- ***HELP WHILE WAITING***
  Luke 6: 36

CONCLUSION

God shows us in the Bible that "through His mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions do not fail; they are new every morning." Lamentations 3: 22-23. One day we will receive His final mercy and receive eternal life. Are we living in that hope and living as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life?