

Week 41
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Transforming Daily
“ . . . pulling them out of the fire . . . ”
Jude 23

The believer's privilege and responsibility in Christ is to be so fervent and dedicated to the truth of the gospel that, if necessary, the believer might very well be licked and lapped by the fires' of hell in order to win a soul to Christ. Jude implies that there are some sinners to be won to Christ that it might just take that very experience. Call them hard headed or hard hearted, but in any case, the believer is to be prepared for those who will be saved, as it were, just in time.

It's not as easy as it sounds. It's pretty scary to pull something from the fire, and rarely, physically or spiritually speaking, is it done without some scarring. It takes courage and strength to conduct one's self with such purpose. However, every believer is to prepare him or herself for that inevitability. The single factor for the believer to exercise in the matter is mercy, the very mercy God extended to them through the testimony of another believer that was used by God to bring them to faith in Christ.

Preparing one's self for this act of obedience to God includes prayer, Bible study, fellowship with other believers, the regular worship of God, a personal testimony of how you came to faith in Christ, and the desire to do God's will. Do you remember what it was like before you came to know Christ as your personal Savior? Can you recite that testimony to someone else? As you see the day of the Lord approaching, do you sense urgency toward the lost for pulling them out of the fire?