

THE TESTS AND TRIUMPH OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

August 30, 2015

Jude 1:1-25

**“To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 1:25**

I. Metaphors describing “certain men crept in unawares” (12-13)

1. “Spots in your feasts of charity” (12)
2. Clouds without water (12)
3. Trees whose fruit withereth (12)
4. Raging waves of the sea (13)
5. Wandering stars (13)

II. Characteristics of “certain men crept in unawares (16-19)

1. Murmurers (16)
2. Complainers (16)
3. Walking after their own lusts & instincts (16, 18, v. 19 - sensual)
4. Their mouth speaketh great swelling words – boasters (16)
5. Flatterers for their own advantage (16)
6. Mockers (18)
7. They divide God's people (19)
8. Having not the Spirit (19)

III. The believer's proper response to “certain men crept in unawares” (17, 20-23)

1. Remember the Scriptures (17)
2. Build one another upon the foundation of “your most holy faith” (20, Eph. 4:11, 12)
3. Praying in the Holy Ghost (20, Eph. 6:18)
4. Keep yourselves in the love of God (21, Matt. 22:27-29)
5. Anticipate Christ's merciful appearance unto eternal life (21, Titus 2:13, 14)
6. Be compassionate toward those who doubt (22)
7. Rescue those who are in danger of be engulfed by sin, as fire would engulf its victim
(23)
8. Be merciful to those who are overcome by sin, hating that which defiles them (23)

IV. God's presence with His people amidst “certain men crept in unawares” (24-25)

1. He is able to keep His own from falling (24)
2. He is able to present them faultless in His glorious presence (24)
3. The only wise God and Savior possesses glory, majesty, dominion and power now and

eternally (25)