

THE DEFENCES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Jude 17ff

INTRO: The Bible always ends on a note of victory. It never presents a dark picture without letting in the light. No problem without a solution...no battle without victory...WE ARE FIGHTING???but we're fighting a battle that is already won.

Note in vs. 1, before Jude presents the dangers threatening the faith, he assures his readers they are KEPT FOR CHRIST...PRESERVED, GUARDED... Regardless of how terrible he may paint the picture, the outcome is not in doubt.

NOTE: The danger of being pressed into the world's mold, of neutralizing our effectiveness by destroying our distinctiveness.

EMPHASIS: The danger comes from within. The devil's most strategic work done within the church, establishing a fifth column, inserting leaven/