**Outline of 2 Peter**

1. Exhortation to Make Your Calling Sure (1:1-15)

(“**Make every effort** to add to your faith,” 1:5)

1. Confidence in Christ’s Second Coming (1:16-21)

(“Until **the day** dawns,” 1:19)

1. False Teachers: Their Deeds and Destiny (2:1-22)

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1. Comfort from Christ’s Second Coming (3:1-13)

(“**The day** of the Lord will come like a thief,” 3:10)

1. Exhortation to Grow as the Day Approaches (3:14-18)

(“**Make every effort** to be found spotless,” 3:14)

**Outline of Jude**

1. Greeting (1-2)
2. Exhortation to Contend for the Faith (3-4)
3. *Center of book:* False Teachers: Their Deeds and Destiny (5-16)
4. Exhortation to Be Built Up in the Faith (17-23)
5. Doxology (24-25)

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**Next Week: The Book of 1 Thessalonians**

***Core Seminars—New Testament***

**Class 22: 2 Peter & Jude: Perseverance**

**in the Midst of Falsehood**

*“Take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.” 2 Pet. 3:17*

*“Contend for the faith that was once for all*

*delivered to the saints.” – Jude 3*

1. **Introduction:** *The Airport Bookstore*

* 2 Peter 2:1, Jude v.4: “Among you”

**Purpose:** *To warn Christians against false teaching and to encourage them to persevere in the true faith.*

1. **Authorship, Audience & Context**

* 2 Peter 1:1, 1:16, 2:1
* Jude 1, 4

**Key Similarities**

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| **2 Peter** | **Jude** |
| 1:12 | 5 |
| 2:4 | 6 |
| 2:10-12 | 8-10 |
| 2:15-16 | 11 |
| 2:17 | 12-13 |
| 3:2 | 17 |

1. **Outline** *(see back page)*
2. **Main Themes of 2 Peter and Jude**
3. **The Certainty of Your Call**

* Salvation is God’s work – Jude 1, 2 Pet. 1:3-4
* Make your calling and election sure – 2 Pet. 1:5-11
* Examine the fruit of your life – 2 Pet. 1:5-7
* Depend on the mercy of Jesus – Jude 21

1. **The Certainty of God’s Truth**

* Remember the apostles’ words – Jude 17-18
* Trust the Old Testament Scripture – 2 Pet. 1:19-21
* Trust the writings of Paul – 2 Pet. 3:15-16
* Recall God’s Word– 2 Pet. 3:2

**C. The Certainty of Bad Fruit from False Teaching**

* Flawed doctrine – 2 Pet. 3:4, Jude 4 – “Antinomianism”
* Godless lifestyle:
  + Rejecting authority – 2 Pet. 2:10
  + Embracing immorality – 2 Pet. 2:13-14
  + Serving only themselves – Jude 12, 16
* Our response: *Contend for the faith* – Jude 3, 2 Pet. 3:17

**D. The Certainty of God’s Judgment**

* Judgment to punish ungodliness – Jude 14-15
* The folly of denying God’s judgment – 2 Pet. 3:8-9
* The unexpectedness of the day of the Lord – 2 Pet. 3:10
* Living in light of God’s coming judgment:
  + Pursue holiness – 2 Pet. 3:11-12
  + Look forward – 2 Pet. 3:14

1. **Conclusion:** *He is able to keep us from stumbling (Jude 24-25)*