

Deacon's Beacons

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But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Jude 20–21

There are four distinct movements in this passage. First we see building oneself up in faith. That calls us to read to study and to learn as much as we can about what we believe. The second is praying. We must find time in our daily lives for genuine prayer, time in communion and conversation with God. The third is keeping in the love of God. Here we must study and follow the commandments of God. This is not limited to the Ten Commandments, although arguably all we need to know can be found there. Yet we can know what is right and wrong within our very souls. The fourth is to wait. God has promised mercy through Jesus Christ and He will not forsake us. We begin the season of Advent this weekend. This is a time of waiting, of preparation and of anticipation. Celebrate this season in its proper way. Follow the advice of Jude.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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