

**20210912 HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – PART 1
Jude 17-21**

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¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."

¹⁹ These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

²¹ Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

**"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."
(John 6:63)**

"²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." (1 Peter 1:23)

"² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk (which is the Word of God), so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." (1 Peter 2:2)

"⁵³ I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." (John 6:53-57)

"¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

**⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved."
(Ephesians 2:1-5)**

**HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – APPLICATION
NUMBER ONE. REMEMBER.**

Jude 17-19

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Acts 2:42

“⁴² They (the early Christians) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Daniel 12:10

“¹⁰ Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.”

Matthew 4:4

“⁴ ...Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – APPLICATION NUMBER TWO. BUILD OURSELVES UP IN OUR MOST HOLY FAITH.

Jude 20a

“²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith...”

“⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.” (Psalm 19:7-8)

“¹² ...Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:12b-13)

HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – APPLICATION NUMBER THREE. PRAY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Jude 20b

“²⁰ ...and pray in the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 14:4

“⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...”

1 John 2:27

“²⁷ As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.”

1 John 3:21-22

**“²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God
²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.”**

HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – APPLICATION NUMBER FOUR. KEEP OURSELVES IN GOD’S LOVE.

Jude 21a

“²¹ Keep yourselves in God's love...”

**HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH – APPLICATION
NUMBER FIVE. WAIT FOR JESUS CHRIST.**

Jude 21b

“²¹ ...as you **wait for** the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”

1 John 3:2-3

“² **Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

³ **Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.**”