

20210829 Why to contend for the faith – Part 1

Jude 1-4

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

² Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

³ Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

There are five books in the Bible that have only one chapter.

Obadiah in the Old Testament

Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude in the New Testament

THE SUBJECT OF JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

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WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is standing on the truth. To receive and enjoy this salvation,

- First, we must agree with God to His truth.
- Second, we must be willing to receive God's salvation.
- Third, we actually open our heart and take the salvation as ours, In other words, now, we must receive Jesus as Who He say he is, as the Lord and Savior.

It also means that we must keep standing on God's truth. When we accepted Jesus Christ, we did all of His being, His character, his actions, and his words. There is no compartmentalization in this acceptance. Saying yes to Jesus also means saying yes to all of His Word.

“Father, I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message.” (John 17:8, 14, 17, 20)

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, **and let them rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, **over** the livestock, **over** all the earth, and **over** all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

He (Jesus) said, “it is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

“God made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment — to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 1:9-10)

1 Timothy, chapter 3:15

¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Jude 4

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