

Contending For the Faith

*Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation,
I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all
handed down to the saints.
Jude 3*

I. Introduction (vv. 1-2)

- a bond-servant of Jesus Christ
- a brother of James (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3)

Identity in Christ

- Understanding identity in Christ can strengthen faith and provide assurance in times of doubt.
- Identity in Christ begins with God's love, fully shown to us, by sending His Son to us.

Security in Salvation (John 10:26-30; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

- The truth of being "kept in Jesus Christ" assures believers of their eternal security.

II. The purpose of this epistle (vv. 3-4)

Condemnation of the False Teachers

A. Common Salvation

B. Contend for the Faith

C. Entrusted once for all to the saints.

D. Jude sounds the alarm!

III. Warnings against false teachers (vv. 5-16)

A. Previous failures (vv. 5-7)

- The example of certain Israelites (v. 5)
- The example of certain angels (v. 6)
- The example of certain pagans (v. 7)

B. Present failures (vv. 8-16)

- The nature of the error (vv. 8-9)
- The seriousness of the error (vv. 10-13)
- The consequences of the error (vv. 14-16)

IV. Exhortation to the faithful (vv. 17-23)

A. The reminder to remember the apostles' warning (vv. 17-19)

Exhortation to the Faithful

- Remember the words that were spoken beforehand

B. The positive instruction of the readers (vv. 20-23)

- Study the Word of God. (v.20)
- Pray in the Holy Spirit. (v.20)
- Keep yourself in the love of God. (v.21)
- Wait anxiously for the mercy of Jesus to eternal life. (v.21)
- Be there for others. (vv.22-23)

V. Final Blessing (vv. 24-25)

Application: How you live is the biggest example of your life with Christ. (John 14:15)

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."