

# Contending for the Faith

## "Fight for Your Faith"

### Jude 3-4

## Introduction

Last week we began a series we're calling "Contending for the Faith" from the Book of Jude, which is the next to last book in the Bible. Jude's letter is only 25 words long but packed with profound insight and a call for purity in Christian doctrine.

1. Jude's original intention was to write about our common \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jude urges the Church to " \_\_\_\_\_ for the Faith once delivered to the saints.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is an endearing term of unconditional love imparted by the Holy Spirit.
4. Jude is earnest about involving his readers and challenges them to commit to defending the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
5. False teachers have crept into the Church to attack and corrupt the faith of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. False teachers are not innocent or misguided. They have a \_\_\_\_\_!
7. Jude uncloaks their mission. He says that false teachers \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel privately.
8. False teachers pervert the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and make it a license for immorality.
9. They also reject the sovereignty of Jesus Christ and refuse to accept Him as \_\_\_\_\_ and Savior of the

world.

10. False teachers use the grace of God as an excuse to \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Satan and his followers continually challenge God's \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The common salvation Jude speaks about is the salvation Jesus provided on the Cross that every believer everywhere shares in \_\_\_\_\_.

### **I. False Teachers Subvert the Gospel Privately**

13. The first thing Jude points out is that false teachers subvert the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Jude is like the watchman on the \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned in Ezekiel 3.

15. Every person must choose for themselves; eternal \_\_\_\_\_ or eternal death.

16. Sadly, in the name of tolerance, many believers today have ignored the false teachings that have \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

17. Six reasons for lack of discernment in the Church today:

- A trend to minimize the importance of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Church is less objective in its outlook.
- The Church has abandoned its commitment to the power of Scripture and the Holy Spirit for image.
- Failure to study and interpret the Scriptures correctly.
- Lack of church discipline.
- Rampant void of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Defending the Faith and warning believers against false teaching is a sign of genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for the

Church.

19. False teachers \_\_\_\_\_ themselves as enlightened purveyors of truth and consider themselves more knowledgeable than the unlearned and ignorant disciples who follow Jesus.

## **II. False Teachers Pervert Grace into Immorality**

20. False teachers pervert grace into a license to be \_\_\_\_\_.

21. Satan is the master of \_\_\_\_\_.

22. The Devil is great as impersonating \_\_\_\_\_.

23. Licentious refers to a lack of restraint and shameful \_\_\_\_\_.

24. Some flaunt their sexual perversion as a badge of \_\_\_\_\_.

25. The lesson here is, be moral, respect authority, and defend the Gospel, and you'll have no problem spotting those who \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth.

## **III. False Teachers reject the Sovereignty of Jesus**

26. Jude says that apostates \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is God and the only way to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

27. Don't just listen to the words people say, watch their behaviors and \_\_\_\_\_.

28. There is more than one way to deny Jesus Christ:

- You can deny him in the day of \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can deny Him for the sake of convenience.
- You can deny Him by your life and conduct and

- You can deny Him by developing false ideas about Him.

29. Many today choose to deny the sovereignty of Christ and God over His \_\_\_\_\_.

30. Genuine believers must embrace and follow the core truths of \_\_\_\_\_.

31. Apostates understand the Gospel but depart from the truth of God to follow the ways of another \_\_\_\_\_.

## CONCLUSION

32. We are the body of Christ and, therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that shines into the darkness of this world.

Paul tells the Thessalonians to “stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught.” (2 Thess. 2:15) He describes the saints as set-apart ones, sanctified and holy. Reading and practicing the Word of God sets us apart and delivers us from the ways of the world, the power of sin, the lust of the flesh, and the dominion of the devil.

## Answers

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| 1. <i>Salvation</i> | 13. <i>Privately</i>   | 24. <i>Distinction</i> |
| 2. <i>Contend</i>   | 14. <i>Wall</i>        | 25. <i>Pervert</i>     |
| 3. <i>Beloved</i>   | 15. <i>Life</i>        | 26. <i>Deny</i>        |
| 4. <i>Gospel</i>    | 16. <i>Infiltrated</i> | 27. <i>Reactions</i>   |
| 5. <i>Believers</i> | 17. <i>Scripture,</i>  | 28. <i>Persecution</i> |
| 6. <i>Goal</i>      | <i>Maturity</i>        | 29. <i>Creation</i>    |
| 7. <i>Subvert</i>   | 18. <i>Love</i>        | 30. <i>Scripture</i>   |
| 8. <i>Grace</i>     | 19. <i>Disguise</i>    | 31. <i>god</i>         |
| 9. <i>God</i>       | 20. <i>Immoral</i>     | 32. <i>light</i>       |
| 10. <i>Sin</i>      | 21. <i>Deception</i>   |                        |
| 11. <i>Word</i>     | 22. <i>God</i>         |                        |
| 12. <i>Common</i>   | 23. <i>Excess</i>      |                        |