

Epistle of Jude: *Contending for the Faith*

Study 2: Contend for the Faith of Jesus

READ Jude 3-4 and LISTEN to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Big idea: Christians must earnestly and continually contend for and obey the Christ-centered, Christ-exalting faith, because it is constantly under attack by enemies of the gospel.

1. What reason did Jude give for changing the purpose of his letter?

What do you think Jude means when he calls the church to contend for “the faith”?

2. Why does Jude suggest this defense must be earnest (KJV)? How can this earnest defense also be loving?
3. What would be a list of non-negotiable, objective truths of the faith that you would be willing to die for? Be ready to explain why. What Scriptures would you use to defend your answers?

4. In what way is true faith not only objective (a set of truths believed) but also evidential (1 Tim 6:3; Tit 1:1)?
5. What are some ways enemies of the faith creep into churches unnoticed (see Matt 7:15)?
6. What identifying marks does Jude give to identify these enemies (see Matt 7:16-20)?
7. Why is it an abuse of God’s grace to use it as a license to sin? In what areas of your life have you made light of sin and presumed on God’s grace?
8. Why is it necessary to receive Christ as both Saviour and Lord to be saved?

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: *times you have made light of sin and presumed on God’s grace*
Praise: *God for giving us objective, life-changing truths to build our lives on*
Pray: *that you might love the Word of God more diligently, and earnestly “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints”*