

“Contend... It’s Necessary!!!”

Jude 3-20

Introduction

“CALLED” (John 6:37; Romans 10:17; Romans 8:28)

“LOVED” (Ephesians 1:4-5; Romans 5:8; John 3:16; Romans 8:1)

“KEPT” (John 10:27-28; Jude 24-25)

I. Contending for the Faith!!!

A. Jude 3: Four Important Observations about Contending for the Faith:

1) This was NOT the letter that Jude wanted to write and yet he found it _____!

2) We must contend for the faith without being _____, conceited, or condescending.

2 Timothy 2:24-25 - “And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth...”

Jude 22-23 -

Titus 3:1-6 -

3) We are to contend for “the faith” (centered on _____) not some generic man-centered “faith”.

1 Corinthians 2:2 - “...I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

2 Timothy 1:13-14 - “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”

4) We must contend for “the faith” that *has been* (past tense!) *once for all* (completely!) _____.

Galatians 1:6-9 - “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

B. Jude 4: WHY It Is Necessary to Contend for the Faith:

1) False teachers creep in unnoticed and _____.

2) False teachers can be recognized by their ungodly _____.

Galatians 5:19-21a -

Note: This, of course, contradicts true grace, which trains us to put sin to _____!

Titus 2:11-15 - “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.”

3) False teachers can be recognized by the “_____” they submit too.

Jude 8, 19 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:3, 20-21 -

4) _____ is at stake and we don’t want to see anyone swept away along with lies & error.

Jude 5-7, 11-13 -

II. Example: The Gospel versus Gay Marriage

1) “Gay Marriage” does not actually _____.

Matthew 11:24 and Mark 10:6-9 -

2) “Supposed Gay Marriage” is a distortion of & blasphemous _____ about Christ & the Church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 - “‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

Hebrews 13:4 - “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adultery.”

3) Those tempted to the sin of homosexuality should not embrace who they “_____” are (none of us should) but should seek forgiveness & joy & rescue-from-sin in Christ!

Romans 7:23-25a and Matthew 16:24 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 -