

JUDE 3-7. ³“Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. ⁴I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God’s marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. ⁵So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. ⁶And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment.⁷And don’t forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God’s judgment.”

_____ in all of our lives and relationships
is more important than _____ and _____
Jesus Christ as _____ and _____

“But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.” 1 PET 1:15-16

JUDE’S CALL TO ARMS

“Defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people.” v. 3

- Right Belief
- Right Behavior
- God’s Word
- Unchanging
- Uncompromising

THE ENEMY = V. 4

- _____ people
“Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.” MAT 7:15
- Who snuck (sneak) in _____
“I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following.” ACTS 20:29-30
- To lead others _____
“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?” ROM 6:1-2

THREE EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO DID NOT DEFEND (“CONTEND FOR”) THE FAITH

1. The Israelites in the wilderness (v. 5)
2. The angels who rebelled with Satan (v. 6)
3. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 7)

JUDE’S WORD FOR US

- _____ for the faith
“Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.”
1 THESS 5:21
- Finish _____
“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” HEB 12:2
- Follow only what is _____
“We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.” EPH 4:14