JUDE 1-3. "<sup>1</sup>This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. <sup>3</sup>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 ("contend for") the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people."

AUTHOR: Jude (Judas) the brother of Jesus and James

**DATE:** Approximately 60-70 AD

AUDIENCE: General audience of Christians

BIG IDEA: God's Grace Demands a \_\_\_\_\_ Response

\_\_\_\_\_ in all of our lives and relationships

is more important than \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Christ as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- Jude begins by declaring his \_\_\_\_\_\_ as a "servant" of Jesus Christ
  - This means the Jude was \_\_\_\_\_ when it came to his relationship with Jesus
- 2. Jude reminds his audience of \_\_\_\_\_\_ status
  - Fellow Christians, \_\_\_\_\_, and sanctified

"I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ." (v 1b)

"...his holy people." (v. 3)

Know what they \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

"May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love." (v. 2)

- 3. Jude reveals his \_\_\_\_\_\_ for his audience "Dear friends..." (vv. 3, 17, 20)
  - This tells us the \_\_\_\_\_ of his letter
- 4. Jude issues a \_\_\_\_\_

"But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to <u>defend the faith</u> that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people." (v. 3b)

Right belief (teaching, doctrine) = \_\_\_\_\_\_

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Right practice (conduct, behavior) = \_\_\_\_\_\_

"Jesus replied, 'All who love me will do what I say."" JOHN 14:23

Handed down to God's people = \_\_\_\_\_

"Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear." MATTHEW 24:35

That remains \_\_\_\_\_\_

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." EPHESIANS 2:20

And will never \_\_\_\_\_

"Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven." PSALM 119:89

"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." ISAIAH 40:8