

Agape Life

Gospel Project Bible Study

November 27, 2022

Jude

Defending the Faith

Session in a Sentence

Christ protects His people from stumbling due to false teachings and calls on them to contend for the faith.

What's the Point?

- Point 1: Contend for the faith against false teachers. Jude 3-4**
- Point 2: Recognize the signs of false teachers. Jude 12-13,16-19**
- Point 3: Rely on Christ's protection against false teachers. Jude 20-25**

A Wee Bit of Background

Jude = Judas = Judah

Brother of Jesus

Matthew 13:55 - Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Acts 1:14 – Mary and the brothers of Jesus are with the disciples.

Galatians 1:19 – Jesus' brother James is called an apostle by Paul.

Main theme – warning about false teachers

A Wee Bit of Background

Apostasy - An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion of, or departure from, one's faith

Many are led into apostasy by false teachers.

Matthew 7:15-20 – Jesus warns about false prophets

Paul warns about false teachers in every letter except Philemon

Peter warns about false teachers in his letters.

Point 1:

**Contend for the faith
against false teachers.**

Jude 3-4 (3-8)

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**What does it mean
to contend
for the faith?**

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ἐπαγωνίζομαι

epagónizomai

contend, struggle, fight

**Basis of English word
“agonize”**

Point 1: Contend for the faith against false teachers. Jude 3-4 (3-8)

In our culture, we are uncomfortable with conflict so we tend to go along to get along.

Point 2

**Recognize the signs
of false teachers.
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Imagery – Vv. 12-13

Dangerous Reefs
Worthless Shepherds
Waterless Clouds
Autumn Trees
Wild Waves
Wandering Stars

Point 2: Recognize the signs of false teachers. Jude 12-13,16-19

Verbal Portraits - Vv. 12-19

**Irreverent
Self-serving
Discontented
Grumblers
Arrogant
Flatterers**

Point 2: Recognize the signs of false teachers. Jude 12-13,16-19

How do you recognize a false teacher?

How do you recognize a faithful teacher?

Point 3:

**Rely on Christ's protection
against false teachers.**

Jude 20-25

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"DEFENSE WINS"

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**“DEFENSE WINS
CHAMPIONSHIPS!”**

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2 Timothy 2:15

**Study to present yourself approved to God, a
worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 1:12b

**I know whom I have believed and am
persuaded that He is able to keep what I have
committed to Him until that Day.**

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Colossians 3:16

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all
wisdom, teaching and admonishing one
another in psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the
Lord.**

Psalms 119:11

**Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I
might not sin against You.**

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Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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2 Timothy 3:13-17

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Proverbs 4:20-23

**My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.**

**Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;**

**for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.**

**Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.**

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Proverbs 4:20-23 (from God's perspective)

**God says, "Pay attention to what I say;
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Proverbs 4:20-23 (BYE – Bob Young Extrapolated)

**God says, “Pay attention to what I say;
Open your ears, eyes, and heart to my Word.**

**Do not let my Word become dimmed by the world, but
keep my Word burning brightly within your heart;**

**For my Word is life to those who believe and trust me
and the source of your very existence.**

**Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.”**

How Should We Then Live?

**Jesus is the way, the truth,
and the life.**

**We must seek to know fully
the truth of His Word and
contend for the faith as we
stand firmly on the truth of
Word of God.**

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Next Week

December 4, 2022

Revelation 1

The Redeemer Reveals

His Glory