

Truth in a Relativistic Culture

Jude 1-4

April 19th, 2026



DAY 1: CALLED, LOVED, AND KEPT

READING: JUDE 1-2; JOHN 3:16-17

Before Jude addresses challenges in the church, he reminds believers of their identity: called, loved, and kept. This covenant language echoes God's unbreakable commitment to His people. You are not defined by your past, your failures, or the world's labels. God has called you into relationship, continuously loves you, and protects you for His purposes. This isn't passive comfort—it's active identity. When you know whose you are, you can withstand cultural confusion. Today, let these truths settle deep: God initiated your relationship with Him, His love never wavers, and He holds you secure. From this foundation, you can face any challenge.

Ask yourself: Am I living from this secure identity, or am I seeking validation elsewhere?

DAY 2: SERVANTS, NOT MASTERS

READING: JUDE 1; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Jude introduces himself as "a servant of Jesus Christ"—a remarkable statement from Jesus' half-brother. He could have leveraged his family connection, but instead chose humility and surrender. Being a servant of Christ means Jesus is Master of everything: your schedule, relationships, finances, sexuality, and ambitions. John the Baptist said, "He must increase, I must decrease." This runs counter to our culture's insistence that you are the captain of your ship, defining your own truth. Following Jesus isn't about what you get from Him when convenient; it's about what you surrender to Him completely. Servanthood isn't slavery—it's freedom found in living under the authority of the One who loves you perfectly.

Where are you still trying to be master of your own life instead of servant?

DAY 3: AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21; MATTHEW 5:13-16

The church isn't simply a place we attend; it's who we are—ambassadors making God's appeal to the world. Called, loved, and kept people don't sit comfortably in isolation; they engage in the costly work of reconciliation. God entrusts us with the message that the world can be reconciled to Him through Jesus. This means your workplace, gym, and Friday night gatherings are mission fields. You display the Kingdom of Heaven by living differently—not to earn salvation, but because you've received it. The church exists not to serve only its members but to invite others into this covenant relationship. Your identity as God's beloved directly informs your activity as His messenger.

How are you making God's appeal through your life today? Who needs to hear about reconciliation?

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DAY 4: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

READING: JUDE 3-4; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20

To "contend for the faith" isn't about winning arguments—it's about the costly commitment of living out truth. Jude warns against those who twist grace into license for sensuality, claiming you can define your own truth and live however you want. This remains deeply relevant today. When we receive Christ, we're bought with a price; we're no longer our own. Our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit. We cannot simultaneously claim Jesus as Savior while denying Him as Lord of our sexuality, relationships, and choices. Grace isn't cheap permission—it's transformative power. Contending for faith means steadfastness in biblical truth demonstrated through behavior, not just words. Limited human beings cannot define what's best for themselves.

Where have you allowed cultural definitions of truth to creep into your life? What needs realignment under Christ's lordship?

DAY 5: ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED

READING: JUDE 3; HEBREWS 10:10-14; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Jude appeals to believers to contend for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." Truth isn't relative, evolving with culture or personal preference. The good news of Jesus is steadfast, anchored in historical reality and divine revelation. In a world shouting "your truth, my truth," Scripture stands as unchanging, trustworthy, loving, and life-giving. This doesn't mean faith lacks mystery or room for growth in understanding, but the foundation is secure. Jesus walked among us to show the way and define truth. He remains on the throne, and His Word remains authoritative. When we drift from this foundation, defining right and wrong by our own standards, we cheapen grace and move toward denying Jesus. Let God's Word shape you, not the world's shifting narratives.

Are you building your life on the unchanging truth of Scripture or the unstable ground of personal opinion?

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me live as one who is called, loved, and kept. Make me a true servant, surrendering every area of my life to Your lordship. Use me as an ambassador of reconciliation in a confused world. Give me courage to contend for the faith through costly obedience, anchored in the truth once for all delivered. You are Master and Lord. Shape my behavior to reflect what I believe. Amen.