

Jude 1-7

Main Point - The Church Must Defend the Faith against condemned people who distort it to meet their own selfish ends.

1. Greeting the persevering church (v. 1-2)

- a. The true believers, to whom the greeting is addressed, are:
 - i. **Called** – by the Father, to the Son, through the Spirit.
 - ii. **Beloved** – by God the Father – Rom. 5:8, John 3:16
 - iii. **Kept** – for Jesus Christ.

2. The urgent need to contend for the faith (v. 3-5)

- a. The necessity of contending for the faith (v. 3)
 - i. V. 3a. Jude's desire – to write about "our common salvation"
 - ii. What is "The Faith"? The Gospel and the body of primary doctrines that outline what Christianity is and without which we would be a different religion.
- b. Once for all delivered to the Saints.
- c. The reason this defense was necessary (v. 4)
 - i. Apostates deny the gospel and lordship of Christ in creed and deed.
Description:
 - 1. Crept in unnoticed.
 - 2. Ungodly people.
 - 3. Pervert the grace of God into sensuality.
 - 4. Deny our only Master and Lord.
- d. Their condemnation is sure.

3. Explanation of judgment (v. 5-7)

- a. A necessary reminder for Christians about the judgment of God
- b. Example 1 - Jesus destroyed some of the people whom he had saved out of Egypt.
- c. Example 2: Angels who were punished for their rebellion.
- d. Example 3: Sodom and Gomorrah