

CONTEND, FOR THE FAITH

Jude 1-4

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STUDY QUESTIONS

- Why did Jude identify himself as the “servant of Jesus Christ” if he was related to Jesus? Describe the change of attitude that James and Jude apparently had toward Jesus. When did that transformation most likely take place?
- Have you ever considered the call of God? What are the two calls? What can we say to someone who is worrying about whether he was called or not? How does God demonstrate His love to those He has called? Why would sin, doubt, or a lack of love on the part of a Christian never cause him to lose his salvation?
- Although apostates hear the truth, what do they fail to receive, according to 2 Thessalonians 2:10? What did Paul warn Timothy about that would take place in the last days (1 Tim. 4:1-2)? How do we see this warning today?
- What does it mean to “contend earnestly for the faith” in your life? How can you help one another out with contending? Describe the character of an apostate. What shows that apostates who claim to be in the ministry of Jesus Christ are actually deceivers? How do apostates distort grace? Jesus Christ? What are three ways to contend for the faith?

RECOMMENDED READING

Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel for Real Life* (NavPress Publishing Group, 2003)

Dr. Richard Ganz, *Free Indeed* (Shepherd Press Inc., 2002)

Patrick Morley, *Four Voices* (HigherLife Publishing, 2022)

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Christian Life* (Banner of Truth Trust, 2013)

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Worship & Prayer Night August 11 | 6pm - 7pm | Worship Center | Join us as we seek the face of our great God. Together, we will spend the hour praying through Scripture, worshiping in song, and coming before the Lord in prayer.

Campus Closure August 3-7 | The church campus will be closed Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 while Abbott Construction completes work on building systems affecting our power, internet, and other critical infrastructure. Because these outages may impact building safety and operations, the campus will not be accessible during this time.