

June 5, 2022
Sermon Summary
Contending for the Faith Jude 1-3

Our Sanctification (Verse 1)

Jude highlights three distinct phrases that describe believers: the called, the beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ. As we become more like our Savior, this is referred to as our sanctification and sanctification is something that we will never perfect in this lifetime. There's always a greater conformity to Christ, there's always a higher level of Christlikeness that we can strive towards. If we as the people of God are called by God, this means that we must be called to something and if we are called to something, we are called to something that we did not have prior to the call. We are called as the people of God to live as the people of God professing what has made us the people of God and have been set apart (2 Timothy 2:19-21). In Jude 1, Jude says that we are kept for Christ. We are ultimately kept BY God and FOR God.

Our Unity (Verse 2-3a)

Salvation is a shared experience amongst believers. Any believer that is saved has been saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. The fellowship that we share is unlike anything that this world could offer us. While those that make up the Church are not perfect, we are to pursue unity regardless of the cost. If you are a Christian, you are a part of this family and as muddled and bruised as this family can be at times, it is your responsibility to dive in there and love them.

Contending for the Faith (Verse 3b)

Jude writes, "I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." This is the call of the hour for the Church of Jesus Christ. We are to contend for the faith. It shouldn't surprise any of us that truth is under attack on every side. The world is not necessarily anti-Christian, the world is anti-Christ and the world will only be anti-Christian to the extent that the church aligns itself with Christ. The world will not care about the church that looks just like the world but the world will despise the church that looks like Christ. Each of this day is presented with the challenge of whom they will stand for. Are you ready to contend for the faith that has been delivered to the Saints both in season and out of season because the time has come where people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions?