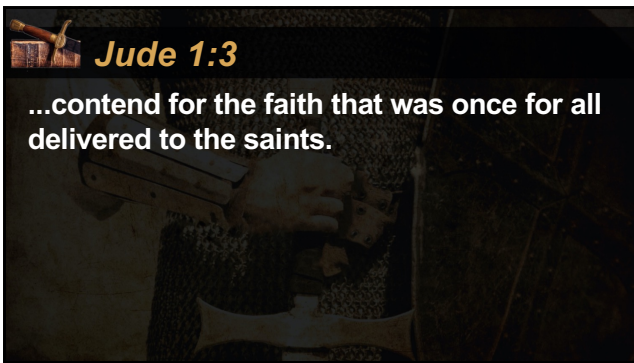
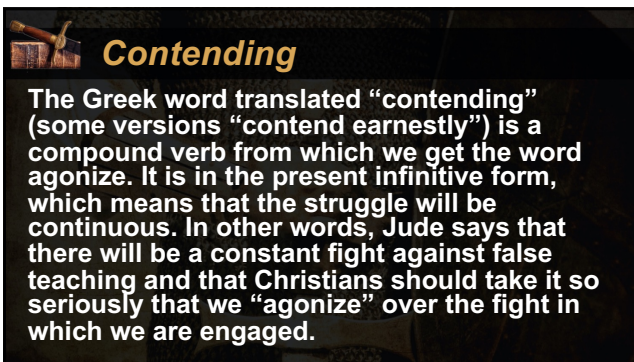





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Jude 1

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.


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Author: Jude

Jude is a derivative of the names Judas Judah. Jude was a half-brother of Jesus and brother of James, leader of the first Jerusalem church. He was the son of Mary and Joseph and would have been raised as a younger brother to Jesus Christ


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Reader: All Believers

“To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ”


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Contending Is For Everyone

Jude makes it clear that every Christian is called to this fight, not just church leaders, so it is critical that all believers sharpen their discernment skills so that they can recognize the false from the true.


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Fight of Faith is the individual believer's struggle to walk by faith through adversity

Contending for the Faith is all believers defending the truth of the gospel against false brethren and false teaching


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2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.


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Contending and Unity?

Isn't contending for the faith divisive and destructive to unity between Churches and other religions? Shouldn't we just take a reductionist approach to doctrinal differences and make the focus about unity, worship and prayer?

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No Truth Without Attacking Error

"Men tell us that our preaching should be positive and not negative, that we can preach the truth without attacking error. But if we follow that advice we shall have to close our Bible and desert its teachings. The New Testament is a polemic book almost from beginning to end."

-J. Gresham Machen

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No NT Without Controversy

"If you remove the documents from the New Testament that were not addressing controversy you will, at most, have a tiny handful from the twenty-seven books."

- J. Gresham Machen

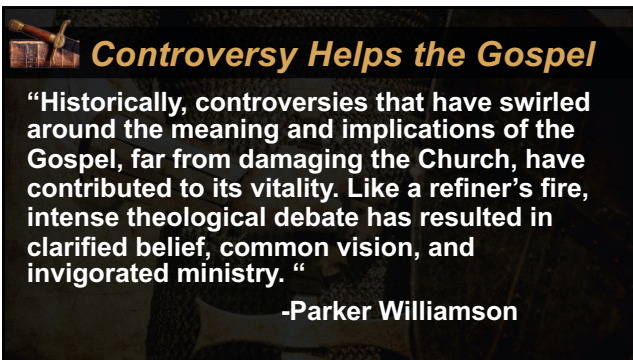
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Controversy

discussion marked especially by the expression of opposing views : dispute, contention, passion

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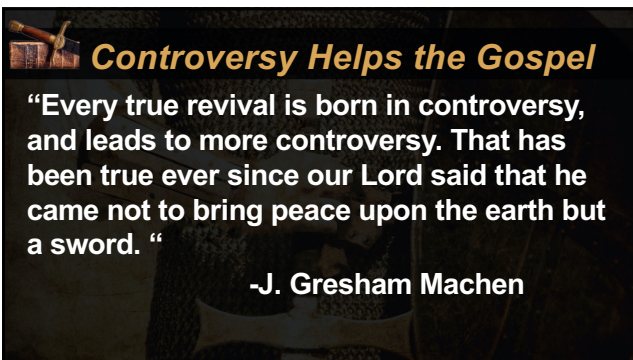


Controversy Helps the Gospel

“Historically, controversies that have swirled around the meaning and implications of the Gospel, far from damaging the Church, have contributed to its vitality. Like a refiner’s fire, intense theological debate has resulted in clarified belief, common vision, and invigorated ministry. “

-Parker Williamson

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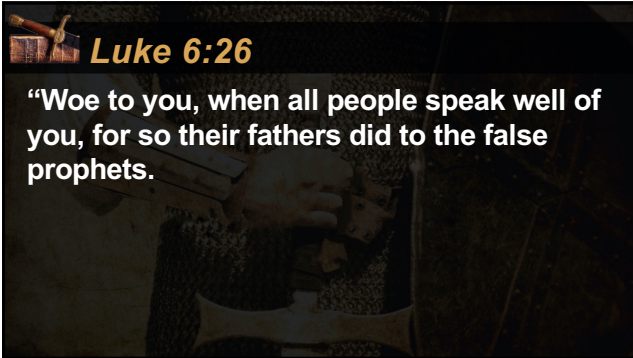


Controversy Helps the Gospel

“Every true revival is born in controversy, and leads to more controversy. That has been true ever since our Lord said that he came not to bring peace upon the earth but a sword. “

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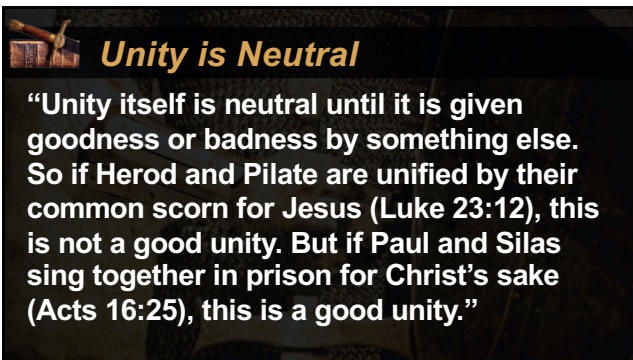
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Luke 6:26

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

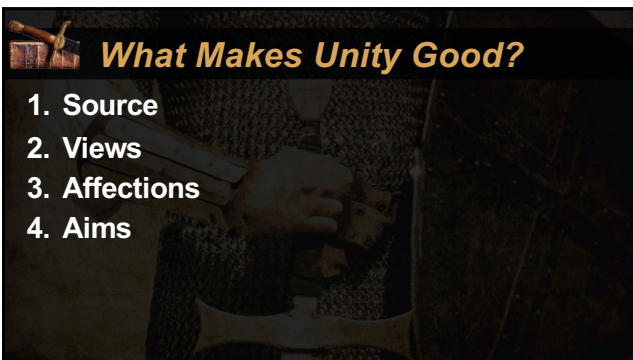
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Unity is Neutral

“Unity itself is neutral until it is given goodness or badness by something else. So if Herod and Pilate are unified by their common scorn for Jesus (Luke 23:12), this is not a good unity. But if Paul and Silas sing together in prison for Christ’s sake (Acts 16:25), this is a good unity.”


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What Makes Unity Good?

1. Source
2. Views
3. Affections
4. Aims


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 **Ephesians 4:3**

Source

3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.


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 **1 Corinthians 12:13**

Source

13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

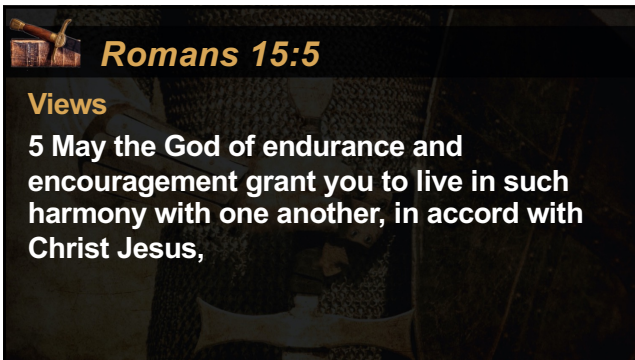
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 **Ephesians 4:13**

Views

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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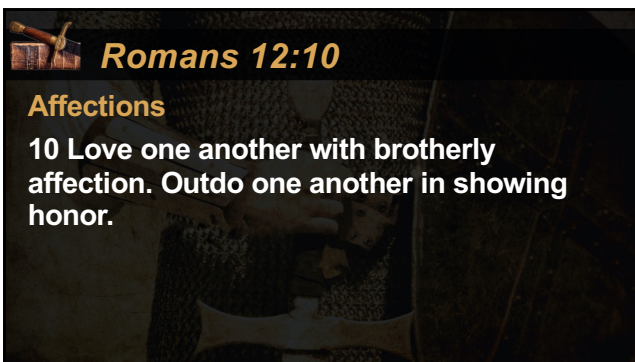


Romans 15:5

Views

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

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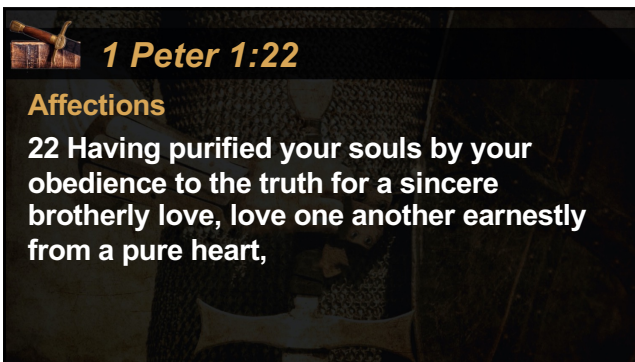


Romans 12:10

Affections

10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

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1 Peter 1:22

Affections

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

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John 13:34-35

Aims

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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John 17:21

Aims

21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

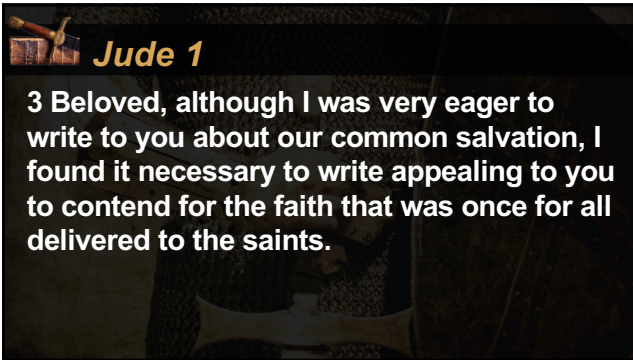
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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

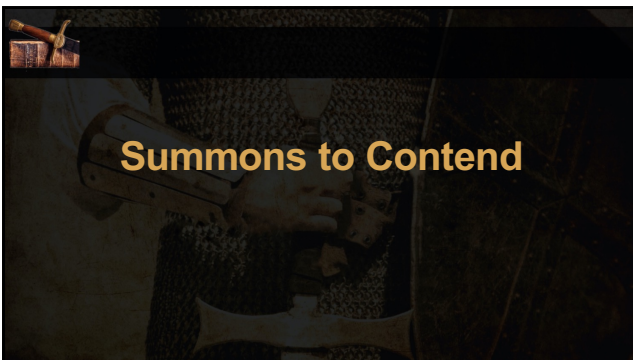
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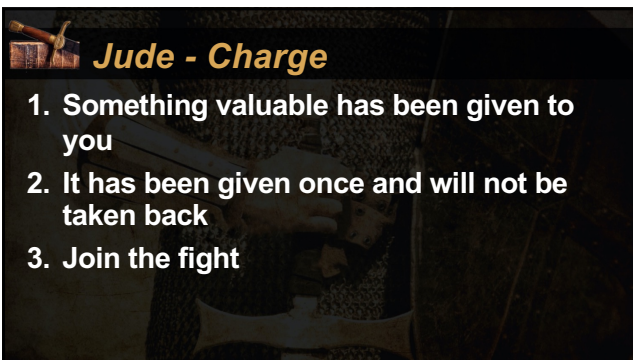
3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

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Summons to Contend

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Jude - Charge

1. Something valuable has been given to you
2. It has been given once and will not be taken back
3. Join the fight

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