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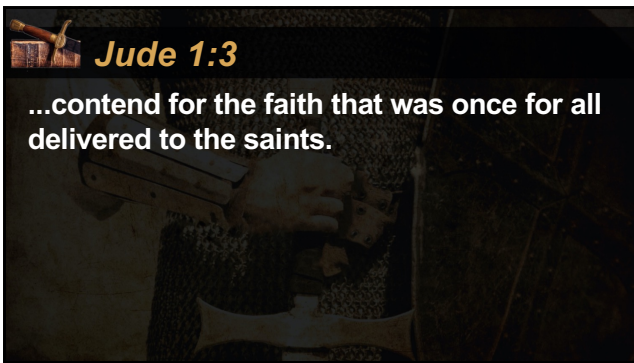
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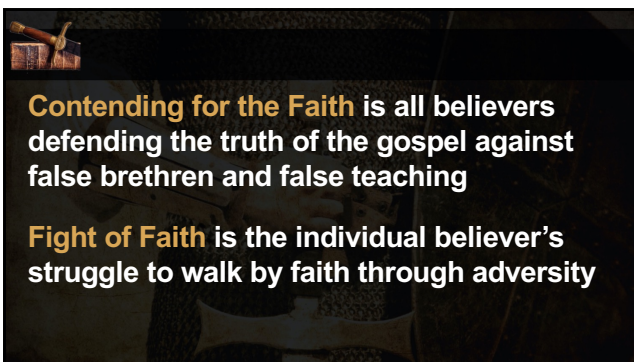
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**Contending for the Faith**

1. Gospel brings conflict and controversy
2. Know how to articulate your convictions
3. Memorize the Apostles Creed
4. Passions are doors for false teaching
5. Recognize the fruit of false teachers

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**Contending for the Faith**

6. Maintain divine tension in biblical truths
7. Aware of corrupting influence of sin
8. Avoid the judgment of the rebellious
9. Con-Tending to ourselves and the weak
10. The greatest threat is compromise of convictions to gain unity

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**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary;

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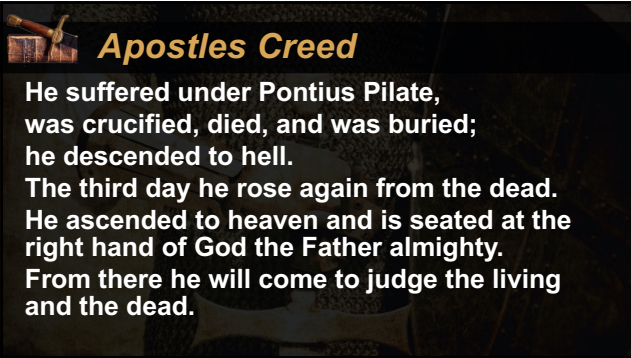
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**Apostles Creed**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to hell.  
 The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended to heaven and is seated at the  
 right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 From there he will come to judge the living  
 and the dead.

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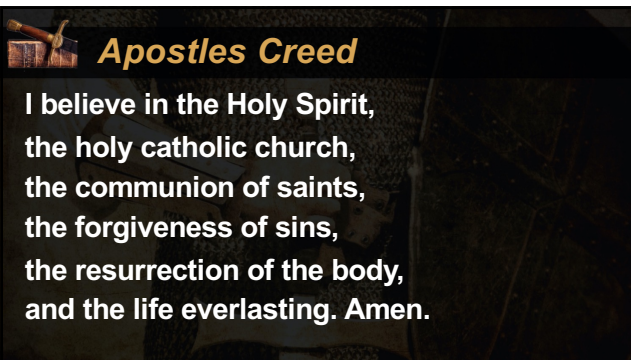
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**Apostles Creed**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**Jude 1**

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from  
 stumbling and to present you blameless  
 before the presence of his glory with great  
 joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through  
 Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty,  
 dominion, and authority, before all time and  
 now and forever. Amen.

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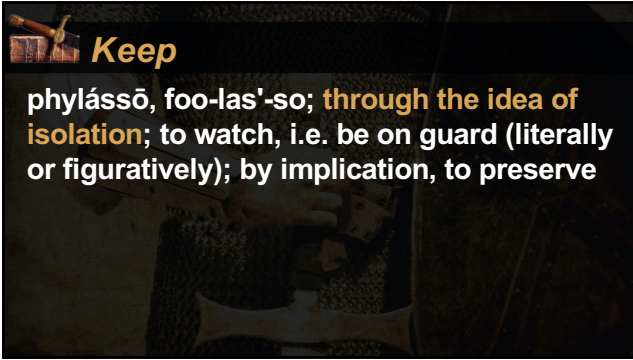
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**Keep**  
 phylássō, foo-las'-so; **through the idea of isolation**; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication, to preserve

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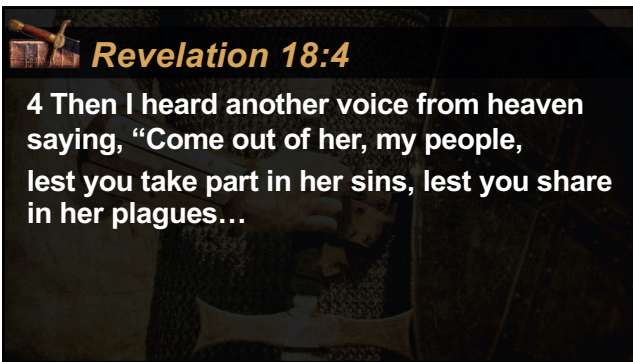
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**Revelation 18:4**  
 4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues..."

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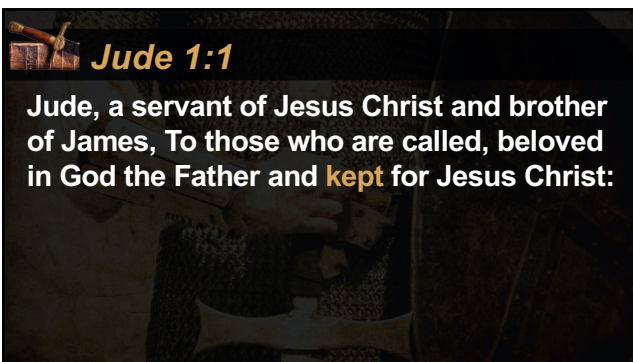
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**Jude 1:1**  
 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and **kept** for Jesus Christ:

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**Jude 1 Outline**

- v1 Introduction of Jude
- v2 Greeting to those “Kept for Jesus”
- v3-19 Identity and Doom of False Teachers
- v20 Keep yourself in the Love of God
- v21-22 Keep Others from Stumbling
- v24-25 Jesus Keeps Us From Stumbling

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**Jude 1**

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 **keep yourselves** in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

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**Keeper**

**Kept for Jesus Christ (v1)**

Keep ourselves in the love of God by building up in our most holy faith (v21)

**Jesus keeps us from stumbling and presents us blameless with great joy before the throne of God. (v24)**

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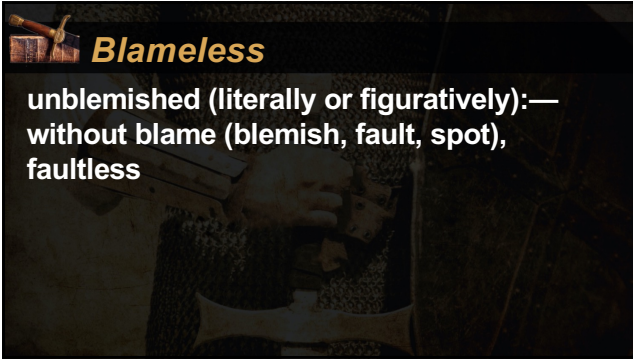
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**Blameless**  
 unblemished (literally or figuratively):—  
 without blame (blemish, fault, spot),  
 faultless

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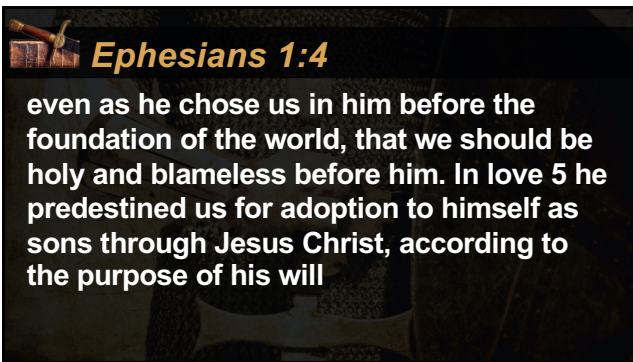
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**Ephesians 1:4**  
 even as he chose us in him before the  
 foundation of the world, that we should be  
 holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he  
 predestined us for adoption to himself as  
 sons through Jesus Christ, according to  
 the purpose of his will

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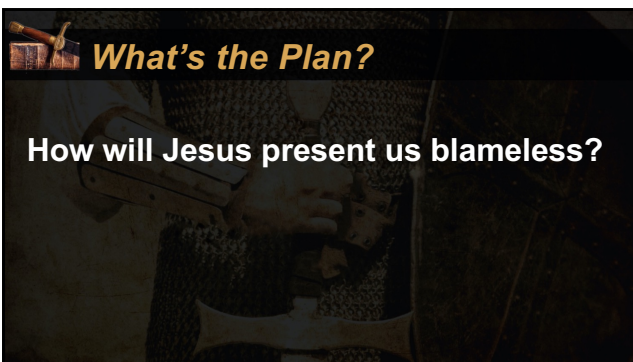
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**What's the Plan?**  
 How will Jesus present us blameless?

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**Hebrews 7**

22This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. 23The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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**Jesus Our High Priest**

1. Lives forever to make intercession for us

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**Hebrews 8**

10For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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**Hebrews 8**

11And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

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**Jesus Our High Priest**

1. Lives forever to make intercession for us
2. (Re)Writes His Word on Our Hearts

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**Hebrews 9**

13For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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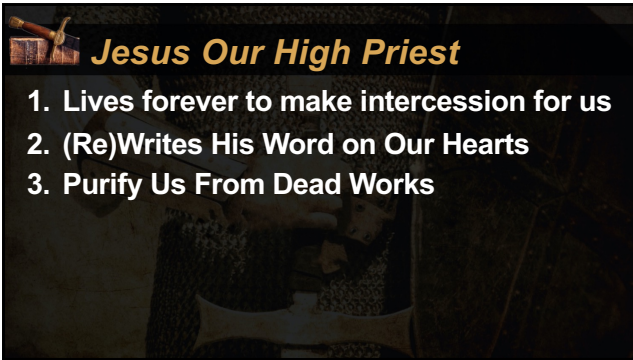
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**Jesus Our High Priest**

1. Lives forever to make intercession for us
2. (Re)Writes His Word on Our Hearts
3. Purify Us From Dead Works

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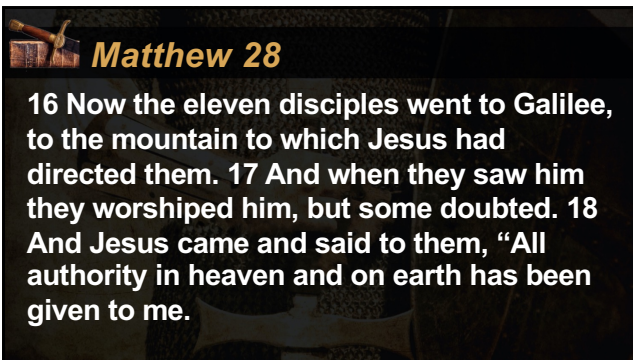
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**Matthew 28**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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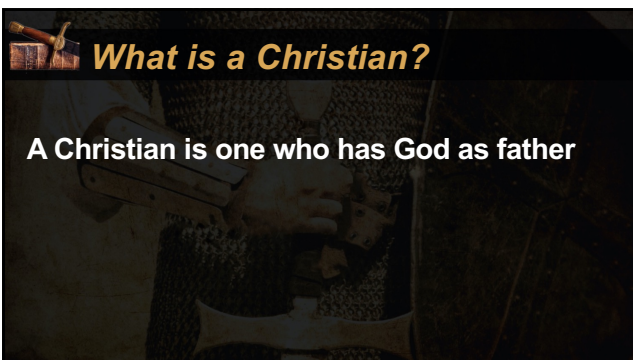
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**What is a Christian?**

A Christian is one who has God as father

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**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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**John 1:12**

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

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**1 John 3:1**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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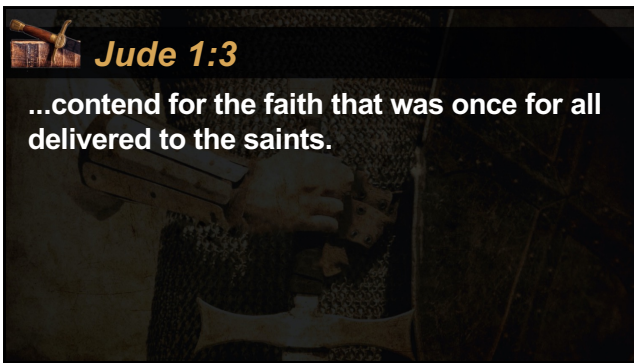
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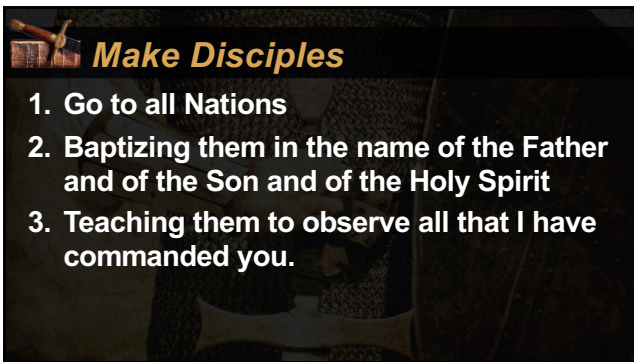
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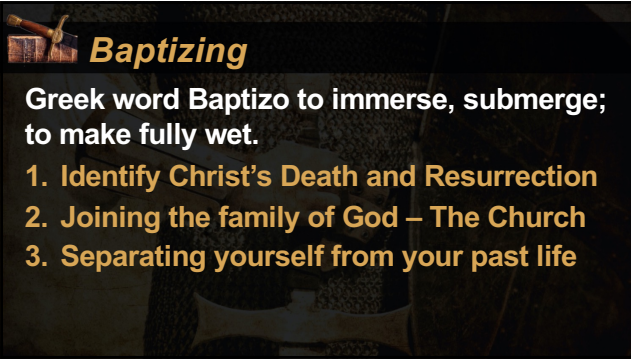
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**Baptizing**

Greek word Baptizo to immerse, submerge; to make fully wet.

1. Identify Christ's Death and Resurrection
2. Joining the family of God – The Church
3. Separating yourself from your past life

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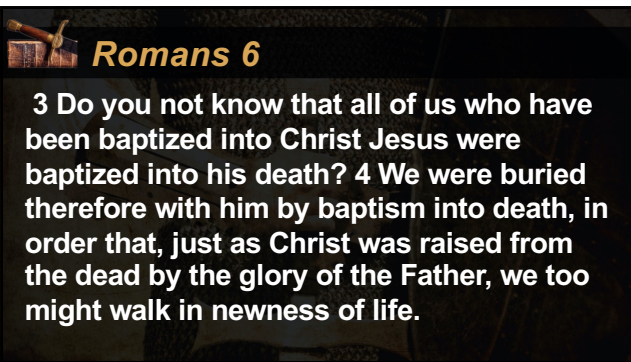
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**Romans 6**

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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**CONTENDING**  
FOR THE FAITH

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