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- **Audience:** Jewish Christians
- **Situation:** People have come into the church teaching false doctrine and leading believers into sin.

### A Challenge to Contend for the Faith (1-4)

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- People who threaten that truth often work discreetly. (4)
- False teachers can be identified by... (4)
  - Ungodly behavior
  - Gospel denial

### A Warning about a False Faith (5-19)

- Remember examples of God's judgment.
- Pay attention to the character of leaders.

### An Encouragement to Stay in the Love of a Glorious God (20-25)

- Show the mercy you've been shown.
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**Intro Question:** What unnecessary opinion would you fight someone over?

## Teaching Part 1

### A Challenge to Contend for the Faith (1-4)

**Do you feel equipped to ‘contend for the faith’ when you hear false teaching? What steps could you take to feel more confident in your defense of the true faith?**

- The call to contend for the faith is not just directed at pastors and teachers. Jude challenges all Christians to contend for the faith. This means we must have a clear understanding of the true faith and have trained discernment to spot a counterfeit when it comes along. To learn these things we need to study our Bibles and learn from other believers to see what is not biblical Christian teaching.

**What are some types of false teaching that might slip unnoticed into our church today?**

- One of the main false teachings that seems to be confronted in Jude is the teaching of legalism. Instead of trusting in the grace of God through work of Jesus, we are tempted to trust in our own religious efforts. This can sneak into our lives and our teaching if we do not constantly remind ourselves of the gospel.

## Teaching Part 2

### A Warning about a False Faith (5-19)

**Read 8, 10, 16, and 18-19. What are some of the characteristics of the false teachers that signal their untrustworthiness? How might you see these characteristics in a false teacher today?**

- One of the first ways a false teacher gives themselves away is through ungodly character. While no leader is perfect, they are held to a high standard of godliness. If someone claims to be a good teacher, but their character is not like that of Jesus, their teaching should be looked at with skepticism. Following that person likely leads to judgment instead of flourishing.

### An Encouragement to Stay in the Love of a Glorious God (20-25)

**Read 24-25. What do these verses teach us about how we should live our life?**

- We should live with our hope in the power of God to keep us in His love. As we hope in Him, we should focus our lives on giving glory to Him in everything as we look forward to the day when we will enjoy that glory in its fullness.

**Answer to Remember:** The letters of the New Testament are God’s inspired instructions to His people about the gospel, the Christian life, and the Church.

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[Bible Project video: Jude Overview](#)

[Capitol Hill Baptist Church Core Seminar: NT Overview](#)

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