

The Epistle of Jude: A Call to Contend

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The Intention of the Author (v 1-4)

The Human Author (v 1-3a)

The Divine Author (v 3b)

The Human/Divine Intention (v 3b-4)

The Description of the Apostates (v 5-19)

These are without Authority (v 5-10)

These are without Stability (v 11-19)

These are without God (v 19; cf. 4,15,18)

The Commission of the Called (v 20-25)

You build yourselves up in the truth of God's love. (v 20-21)

You have mercy on those who struggle. (v 22-23)

You trust in God's ability and willingness to keep you.
(v 24-25)

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you hear? What phrases or words caught your attention?

2. In verse 1, Jude does not emphasize his natural relationship with Jesus Christ, but his spiritual relationship. How do we often emphasize physical relationships over spiritual relationships in society?
3. In verse 3, Jude calls the church to “contend for the faith.” List a couple practical ways to contend for the faith?
4. In verse 4, and all throughout the letter, Jude uses powerful and emotional language. Give an example of another scripture that you have understood to be very emotional.
5. In verse 4, Jude says these “pervert the grace of God into sensuality.” This could be described as a shameless exhibit of shameful behavior. What are some examples of this truth in our world?
6. In verses 5-19, Jude uses many examples of judgment. Why did Jude use the majority of his letter to discuss judgment?
7. In verses 5-19, Jude uses many examples of judgment. Which one of the examples of God’s response surprises you? Why?
8. In verses 20-23, Jude calls the church to action. Which command do we most often neglect? Share some ideas on how to remedy the neglect.
9. In verses 20-23, Jude uses the word “mercy” three times. Discuss how you can practically “have mercy” and “show mercy” this week?
10. In verses 24-25, Jude concludes with confident praise. How can someone be so confident that they will be “presented blameless...with joy” in the Day of Judgment? Describe how this theology practically applies to your life.
11. In verse 25, Jude uses the term “now” in his doxology. Share one situation or struggle that makes it so important for you to know that God is all that He is right now in your life.