

“CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH - PART 1” (Jude 1:1-4)

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INTRO: Let's work our way through the 25 verses of Jude.

Today: Introduction to the Book of Jude (vv. 1-4)

I. The Salutation [A Greeting to the Called] (vv. 1-2).

A. Author (v. 1a) – Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James (Acts 12:17; 15:13-21).

1. Also half-brother of Jesus (Mt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; Jn. 7:5).

2. Bondservant – a servant by choice.

a. You serve who you obey most (Rom. 6:16)!

B. To Whom Written (v. 1b): To those who are Called, Sanctified and Preserved.

1. To the Called (1Cor. 1:9; 1Pet. 2:9; Eph. 4:1).

2. To the Sanctified (1Thess. 5:23).

3. To the Persevered (1Thess. 5:23; Jude 1:24).

4. Believe it! Declare it! Live it!

C. Declaration of a Multiplied Blessing (v. 2).

1. Multiplied Mercy (Lam. 3:22-23; Ps. 100:5).

2. Multiplied Peace (Jn. 14:27; Phil. 4:6-7).

3. Multiplied Love (Jer. 31:3; Rom. 8:35-39; 1Jn. 4:12, 18; 20-21).

4. Believe it! Declare it! Live it! Declare it over others!

II. The Exhortation [To Earnestly Contend for the Faith] (v. 3-4).

A. Jude is compelled to exhort the believers to contend earnestly for the faith (v. 3).

1. This faith has been once for all delivered [entrusted] to the saints – it's complete, there's no more to come.

B. We must fight for this faith for upcoming generations.

C. The reason for the necessity to contend for the faith – the presence of false teachers [apostates] (v. 4).

1. They have crept in unnoticed.

2. They were foretold and will be judged (2Pet. 2:1).

3. They are ungodly.

4. They use grace as an excuse for loose living.

5. They deny Jesus is Lord (Jn. 14:6; 1Jn. 2:23; 4:15; 5:1, 11-13; 2Jn. 1:7, 9-11).

CONCLUSION (2Tim. 3:1-5): There is a necessity for us to earnestly contend for the faith today. Are you? Will you?