

JUDE: Contend for the Faith

***The truth of God is the only weapon to use in fighting for faith**

=>Counterfeit money vs Real money. Know the difference?

I. Jude

- A. Written mid-60's to mid-70's A.D.
- B. Jude (Judas)
 - i. Brother of James
 - ii. Half-brother of Jesus Christ
 - 1. Matthew 13:55
 - 2. Didn't believe Jesus was the Christ (John 7:5)
 - 3. Became a believer after the resurrection (Acts 1:1-4)
 - iii. A "servant/slave" of Jesus Chrsit

II. The Faith

- A. Serious times
- B. Contend for the faith
 - i. "Compete; struggle in opposition; agonize"
 - ii. Fatih
 - 1. Personal belief
 - 2. Trust in God
 - 3. Essential truth of the gospel that all true Christians hold in common.

III. The Opponent

- A. Ungodly people
- B. Judgment against unbelief
 - i. Egypt: God's provision for salvation but judgment because of unbelief
 - ii. Angels: Heaven for believers; Hell for unbelievers

iii. Sodom and Gomorrah: unbelief brings punishment of eternal fire.

C. Judgment against unholy

i. Archangel Michael: the Lord rebukes

ii. Cain: the Lord is to be worshiped

iii. Korah: The Lord is to be obeyed

D. Eternal Destiny

i. Dangerous

ii. Deeds of ungodliness

iii. Judgment is already reserved

IV. The Weapon

A. Learn and grow

i. God's Word

ii. The Apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42)

B. Pray

C. Relationship with God

D. Expect Christ

E. Minister in truth and love (Love without leaning)

V. Live it Out

A. Search your own faith: Any sins to confess and repent?

B. Recognize the enemy: Temptations to avoid or confess?

C. Commit to growth:

Attend Bible study?

Know God's Word?

Pray Jude 24-25

VI. The Truth is the only weapon to use in fighting for faith