

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH  
THE BOOK OF JUDE

JUDE'S COMMAND--"EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH"  
"THE FAITH?"-PART 1 (JUDE 3 CONTINUED)

- I. **"THE FAITH" INCLUDES THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST!**
- A. **"The Faith" Is Said To Be "By Him" (Christ)! (Acts 3:16)**  
*Faith = persuasion, that is, moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:*
- B. **"The Faith" Is Said To Be "In Christ" And "Of Christ"!**  
**(Acts 24:24-25; Philippians 3:9)**  
*Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, **but that which is through the faith of Christ**, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*
- II. **"THE FAITH" INCLUDES THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST!**  
*Acts 6:7--"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and **a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.**"*
- A. **"The Faith" Is What Paul Preached! (Galatians 1:23)**
- B. **"The Faith" Is The How We Are Saved!**  
**(Galatians 2:16; 3:22-26)**
- C. **"The Faith" Is Where We Received Our New Life!**  
**(Galatians 2:20)**
- D. **"The Faith" Is Described As Being "Of The Gospel"!**  
**(Philippians 1:27)**
- III. **"THE FAITH" INCLUDES THE WORD OF GOD!**  
**(Acts 13:6-8)**
- A. **"The Faith" Is Something Believers Are To "Continue In"!** **(Acts 14:21-22; Colossians 1:23)**

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1. **Jesus Said We Were To Continue In The Word!**  
**John 8:31--"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*"**
2. **Paul Said Believers Were To Continue In The Grace Of God!**  
**Acts 13:43--"Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, *persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.*"**
- B. **"The Faith" Is Linked With The Apostles Doctrine!**  
**(Acts 16:4-5)**  
**1 Timothy 4:16--"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."**
- 2 Timothy 3:14--"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them"**
- C. **Abraham Is Said To Have Had "The Faith"!**  
**(Romans 4:3, 11, 16)**

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IV. WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF "THE FAITH?"

By "*fundamentals*" we mean that which forms a foundation or basis; the basics; the essentials. (These are non-negotiable!)

*Psalm 11:3*--"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

A. The Verbal Inspiration Of The Scriptures!  
(*2 Peter 1:19-21*)

*2 Timothy 3:16*--"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

B. The Vileness Of Mankind!  
(*Romans 3:10-12, 23*)

*Ecclesiastes 7:20*--"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."

*Isaiah 64:6*--"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

C. The Virgin Birth Of The Saviour!  
(*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38*)

*Isaiah 7:14*--"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

D. The Virtuous Life Of The Saviour!  
(*Matthew 27:4, 19, 23, 24; Luke 23:41, 47; John 8:46, 18:38; 19:4, 6; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26-27; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 2:1; 3:5*)

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E. The Vital Deity Of The Saviour!  
(*Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23; John 1:1; 5:17-18; 8:58-59; 10:30-33*)

F. The Vicarious Suffering Of The Saviour!  
(*Isaiah 53:5-8, 11-12; Matthew 20:28; Romans 3:24-26; 5:6-10, 15-21; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 9:12-15; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 3:18*)

G. The Valuable Blood Atonement Of The Saviour.  
(*Acts 20:28; Romans 3:25, 5:9; Hebrews 9:12-14*).  
*Ephesians 1:7*--"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

H. The Victorious Resurrection Of The Saviour!  
(*Matthew 28:1-7, 18; Luke 24:44-48; Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8*)

I. The Visible (And Imminent) Return Of The Saviour!  
(*Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18*)