

Intro:

II. Compelled to Contend

A. Jude's Background - vs 1a

1. Jude

a. Heb. Judah

b. a common name

i. 2 of the disciples, Iscariot and son of James - **Lk 6:16; Jo 6:71; Ac 1:13**

ii. Ananias met Saul at the house of Judas of Damascus - **Ac 9:11**

iii. Judas Barsabbas helped carry the letter from the Jerusalem Council to Antioch - **Ac 15:22-23**

iv. Judas of Galilee founded the Zealots - **Ac 5:37**

2. a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

a. indicates the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ transformed him

b. *doulos* - a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency):--bond(-man), servant.

i. one who has trusted Christ as Lord, understanding He is Master - Mt 24:46; Lk 2:29; Ac 4:29; Ga 1:10; Col 1:7; **2 Ti 2:24**; Rev 19:5

ii. His saving relationship became more important than his familial - **Mk 3:31-35**

iii. A contrast to the false teachers who denied the Lord - vs 4; **2 Pe 2:1**

3. and brother of James,

a. The half brother of the Lord - **Mt 13:55-56**; Mk 6:3; **Ga 1:19**

i. the leader of the Jerusalem church Ac 12:2; **15:13**

ii. Salutation similar to his brothers - **Jas 1:1**

b. did not consider himself an apostle—vs 17, close relationship with Jesus and James gave prominence and authority in the early Church

B. Jude's Audience - vs 1b-2 - obviously true believers

1. Called - vs 1b

a. To those who are called,

i. *kletos* - related to *kaleo* - to call;

ii. main word in the sentence w/ 2 perfect participles in apposition to it equating

b. not speaking of a general invitation to sinners - Is 45:22; 55:6; **Ez 33:11**; Mt 11:28; 22:14; 23:37; Lk 14:16-24; Jo 7:37; Rev 22:17

i. a call that usually goes unanswered, rejected

ii. Mt 12:14; Lk 4:16-19,28-30; Ac 4:13-18; 5:17-18,26-28,33-40; 7:54-58; **2Co 2:15-16**

c. conveys the idea of being personally chosen or selected

i. God awakens the human will and imparts spiritual life

ii. Enables once dead sinners to embrace the Gospel by faith - Jo 5:21; 6:44,65; Ac 16:14; **Eph 2:5**

2. Loved

a. KJV and NKJV have "*sanctified* by God the Father," - *hagiazō* - to make holy, purify or consecrate; to venerate:--hallow, be holy, sanctify.

b. both the Nestle and Wescott and Hort Greek texts have *agapao*

i. perfect passive participle - speaks of a past complete act having results that continue in the present and the future - **Eph 1:4-5**

- ii. God loves believers based on His sovereign pleasure not on anything that we could have done - **Ro 9:11-13**; 10:20; 1 Co 1:26-29; Jas 2:5
- iii. God chose to place that love on us before the foundation of the world - **Ac 13:48**; **2 Th 2:13**; **2 Ti 1:9**
- iv. That love required the death of His Son, paying the penalty for our sins - **Is 53:5-6**; Mk10:45; Jo 3:16; 1 Pe 2:24

3. Kept

- a. preserved - Perfect passive participle (see above) of *tereo* - to guard (from loss or injury, keeping the eye upon, to maintain
- b. in Jesus Christ
 - i. Dative case indicates “in” or “by” - **1Pe 1:5**
 - ii. in line with Jesus’ teaching in **Jo 10:27-28**; 6:37-44; 17:11,15

4. Blessed

- a. Greeting
 - i. Mercy, peace, - Common Jewish greeting
 - whenever believers sin, they will always need and find an ample supply of mercy at the throne of grace - **Heb 4:16**
 - peace that stems from knowing that sins are forgiven
 - ii. and love - added to remind his readers of Christ’s (God’s) love for them - **Jo 16:27**; **17:23**; **Ro 5:5,8**; **8:32,39**; **Eph 2:4**; **2Th 2:16**
 - ii. Only place in the NT that has all three
- b. be multiplied to you.
 - i. *plethuno* - to increase (transitively or intransitively):--abound, multiply.
 - ii. Jude’s prayer is that they would continually enjoy the Lord’s blessing even in difficult times - **1 Pe 1:2**; **2 Pe 1:2**

C. Jude’s Exhortation

1. Beloved, - demonstrating his pastoral care for the audience
2. while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation,
 - a. *spoude* - "speed", despatch, eagerness, earnestness:--business, (earnest) care(-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.
 - i. connotes the idea that Jude hurried in vain
 - ii. Couldn’t complete original thoughts due to the urgency of the problem
 - b. common salvation - one set of beliefs, - Eph 1:7; 4:4
3. I found it necessary to write to you
 - a. *anagke* - constraint; distress, must needs, (of) necessity(-sary), need, needful.
 - b. Jude was feeling a heavy burden due to the false teachers
4. exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith
 - a. *parakaleo* - to call near, invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):--beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort(-ation), intreat, pray.
 - b. *epagonizomai* - to struggle for:--earnestly contend foreign
 - i. compound verb where we get agonize
 - ii. Pres. Inf - stresses the need to continually and vigorously defend or stand for “the faith” - **1Ti 1:18**; **6:12**; **2Ti 1:13**; **4:7**
 - c. the faith - the objective truth of the gospel; everything pertaining to our common salvation - **Ac 2:42**; **1 Co 15:1-4**;
 - d. which was once for all delivered to the saints.
 - i. *hapax* - one (or a single) time (numerically or conclusively):--once.
 - ii. Refers to something accomplished, no need of repetition - **Ro 16:26**; **2 Ti 3:16-17**