



# Contending for the Faith



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# Another Gospel?

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*A Lifelong Christian*

*Seeks Truth in Response to*

*Progressive Christianity*

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## Jude: Contending for the Faith

<p><b>Greeting (1-2)</b> You are called, beloved, &amp; kept.</p>	<b>Charge (3)</b>	<b>Challenge (4)</b>	<p><b>Benediction (24-25)</b> God is able!</p>
	Contend for the faith	False teachers creeping in	
	<b>Actions of contenders (17-23)</b>	<b>Character &amp; Consequences of Creepers (5-16)</b>	
	<p>Remember! Creepers are predicted. (17-19) Abide in God's love. (20-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Grow in your grasp of the faith</li> <li>— Depend on the Spirit</li> <li>— Look for the return of Christ.</li> </ul> <p>Show mercy to doubters. (22) Seek to reach unbelievers. (23)</p>	<p>Examples of God's judgment of ungodly in the past. (5-7)</p> <p>Present character of ungodly is similar. (8-13)</p> <p>Future judgment of ungodly is certain. (14-16)</p>	

Realize false teachers were predicted. Do not be surprised.

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

Jude 17–19

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Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 5

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<sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup>just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Jude 6–7

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<sup>8</sup>Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. <sup>9</sup>But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” <sup>10</sup>But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Jude 8–10

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<sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

Jude 11

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<sup>12</sup>These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; <sup>13</sup>wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

Jude 12–13

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<sup>14</sup>It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Jude 14–15

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