



Lessons from the End of the Book

Week 3 – Contend for the Faith!

Jude 1-4

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

The Identity of the Author

1. He was the half-brother of _____.

Matthew 13:55

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"

John 7:5

For even His own brothers did not believe in him.

1 Corinthians 15:7

Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

2. He viewed himself as a _____ of Jesus Christ.

The Purpose of the Letter

1. Jude originally intended to write about the glorious _____ that is ours in Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit redirected him to urge his readers to _____ for the faith.

The Priority for the Church

1. We must study and obey God's Word of _____.
2. We must fight to _____ the Bible as the inerrant, authoritative Word of God.

Inerrant – God's Word is without _____ in the original manuscripts.

Authoritative – God's Word is the final court of appeals on issues of faith and _____.

3. We must _____ teach our children and grandchildren to love and obey God's Word.

Psalms 78:4-7

- 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done.
- 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach their children,
- 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.
- 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands.