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CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

The book of Jude is one of the shortest books of the bible, yet it has much to say to us as Christians. Jude was the half brother of Jesus. He was also called Judas (not Iscariot). He wants us to know that the Christian life is not going to be easy. He mentioned in verse 4 that ungodly men were creeping in secretly who would turn the grace of God (which is given by God) into lasciviousness (evil) and would deny the Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now as we break down "**the Lord God**:" The word Lord here means "despotes" (Greek) which means absolute ruler or master. The word God here means "Theos" (Greek) which means Supreme Divinity, or exceeding God. Putting the two words together it would mean, Supreme Divine Master. This is speaking of the Father.

But **Lord Jesus Christ** in this verse means another thing. Lord here is "kurios" which is supreme in authority; God; one in control. The word Christ means, Christos, or anointed one. The Messiah. Putting this together it means the anointed God supreme in authority.

This verse speaks of the Father and of the Son being God. The people were denying this and speaking evil of it. These evil people were teaching things contrary to what was truth. In verse 3 he says, "**Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that he should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**"

You see, there were doctrines floating around in the early church to try to disprove the deity of Jesus Christ. They still exist today. Many teach Jesus is not God in the flesh even though the scriptures tell us this in John 1:1 and many other places.

To **contend** means to earnestly fight for something. Like a boxing match with two contenders. The one that lasts the longest without being knocked out wins.

Our walk as Christians demands that we also contend for the truth of the Bible, and who the Bible says Jesus is. We cannot deny that He is God the Son, but also the Son of God. He is the second part of the Godhead. He was the Yahweh Elohim (Almighty God) that created man in his own image. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the End. He is the near kinsman redeemer that shed his sinless blood to buy us back from the auction block of sin.

He is the King of King and Lord of Lords. He is our soon coming bridegroom. We must contend for the faith because time is short before His return and then it will be too late for those that are lost. We must contend for a true relationship with God and not religious accolades.

When we know who we are in Christ no devil can stand against us as we wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We must make a stand in this season because things are

spiraling towards the one-world government. There is coming a time and it could be very soon that the only Bible that people will read are those that speak it from their lips.

Contend for the faith my friends while we still can. Jesus is counting on his remnant to rise up and fight the fight of faith taking souls back from the darkness that has bound them!