

Jude • Contending for the Faith

1. (v.1-2) If God's **sovereignty** is great enough to call someone into His kingdom, He is also able to keep them from being **snatched away** by Satan until the day of Christ's return.
2. (v.3-7) Characteristics of those with which we contend:
 - a. "**crept in**" – someone who entered a crowded room through a side door and circulates among the guests.
 - b. "**unnoticed**" – does not have an invitation and works behind the scenes.
 - c. "**marked for this condemnation**" – under God's preordained judgment upon the ungodly.
 - d. "**ungodly persons**" – the opposite of "*the called*".
 - e. "**turn from the grace of God**" – reinterpret "grace" to mean they can do whatever they please and satisfy the desires of the flesh.
 - f. "**deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ**" – either through false doctrine, unbiblical behavior, or both.
3. (v.17-19) The proliferation of false believers is a sign of the **End Times**.
4. (v.20-23) Characteristics of those remaining in the faith:
 - a. "...**building yourselves up on your most holy faith**..." (v.20)
 - b. "...**praying in the Holy Spirit**..." (v.20)
 - c. "...**keep yourselves in the love of God**..." (v.21)
 - d. "...**waiting anxiously for...eternal life**..." (v.21)
 - e. "...**have mercy on some, who are doubting**..." (v.22)
 - f. "...**save others, snatching them out of the fire**..." (v.23)
 - g. "...**on some have mercy with fear**..." (v.23)
 - h. "...**hating even the garment polluted by the flesh**..." (v.23)
5. (v.24-25) The goal is consistent obedience in this **life** leading to the **next**.