

# Sermon Notes

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## **Contending for Our Faith and Rescuing Those Who Stumble, in the Love and Power of God**

Jude 20-25

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### **Jude's Concern**

- False teachers were perverting the message of the Gospel
- Jude urges his readers to contend for the one true faith

### **Contending for the Faith as Faithful Christians (vv. 20-21)**

- The key: keep ourselves in the love of God
- How do we do this?
  - Build ourselves up in the faith
  - Pray in the Holy Spirit
  - Look ahead to the Lord's coming

### **Contending for the Faith with Those Who Give In (vv. 22-23)**

- With the wavering: show mercy
- With the nearly seduced: snatch from the fire
- With the deeply ensnared: show mercy
  - There is still hope for them
  - Be careful not to get entangled in their sins

### **The Doxology (vv. 24-25)**

- Ultimately, God is the One who enables us to stand against false teachers and their perversion of the Gospel
- This Doxology is not just a wish or prayer, but a statement of what is true of God
- God has always been the glorious, powerful Ruler of all, still is today, and always will be

## *Some Suggestions*

# **Contending for the One True Faith**

### **Tune Up Your “Baloney Detector”**

- Know what the Bible really says
- Help the next generations learn the Bible's message
- Pay attention to how people use words
- Don't just automatically trust teachers—test what they say

### **Know the Basics of “The Faith”—What We Believe**

To learn more about what we believe at Stone Creek Bible Church about “the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints,” visit our website **StoneCreekBibleChurch.org**.

Click on “About Us” in the left-hand menu, then click “What We Believe”

### **Engage With God's Word**

- Read your Bible regularly
- Study the Bible with others (see bulletin/church website for ongoing opportunities at Stone Creek)
- Listen to good teaching (podcasts/radio/etc.)

### **Pray in the Holy Spirit**

- Set aside individual time each day to pray
- Pray about the things you do each day—invite God into every area of your life
- Pray with your spouse
- Pray with your children
- Pray with your church (e.g. prayer ministry, day of prayer)

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**