

2. The phrase “*the faith*” refers to the entire inspired and completed Bible.  
*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, ...”*  
 II Timothy 3:16a

*“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;”*  
 Revelation 22:18

*“The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”*  
 Psalm 119:160

### III. KNOW THE OPPOSITION

*“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son”*  
 II John 9

- A. They are unnoticed.

*“For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ...”*  
 Jude 4a

*“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”*  
 II Peter 2:1

- B. They are ungodly.

*“...ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
 Jude 4b

*“11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,”*  
 Titus 2:11-12

### STAND UP & STAND OUT BY CONTENDING FOR THE BIBLE!

### STAND UP & STAND OUT Contend For The Bible Pastor Steve Reynolds

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Jude is a small book with a big punch. It is a call to action, a call to engage in earnestly promoting and defending the absolute truth of the Bible. It describes in practical terms the responsibility of every believer to “STAND UP & STAND OUT”.

*“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”*

Jude 3

- B. Jude has been called the most neglected book of the New Testament. We will not neglect it, but rather we will read and study this valuable Bible book. In this series we will discover how these words written in the first century are very relevant to our lives now. This five part series features the following messages:

TODAY	Contend For The Bible
Sep 5	Remember The Victory Plan
Sep 12	Guard Against The False Teachers
Sep 19	Rescue The Perishing
Sep 26	Worship The God Of Hope

- C. **TEXT:** Jude 1-4

Jude is the writer of this book.

*“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, ...”*  
 Jude 1a

He was the brother of James which also means he was the half brother of Jesus Christ.

*“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?”*  
 So they were offended at Him.”  
 Mark 6:3

## HOW TO CONTEND FOR THE BIBLE

The word “*contend*” is used to describe a devoted athlete competing and agonizing for victory.

### I. JOIN THE TEAM

#### A. The captain of the team is Jesus Christ.

*“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, ...”* Jude 1a

*“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”* Colossians 1:18

*“26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.  
27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—”* Matthew 20:26-27

#### B. The participants on the team are the saved.

*“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Romans 10:9

*“...To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:  
2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”* Jude 1b-2

1. The saved are called by God
2. The saved are sanctified by God.
3. The saved are preserved by God.
4. The saved are blessed by God.

## II. FULFILL THE DUTY

### A. Jude’s compulsion.

#### 1. He wanted to write about the delight of salvation.

*“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, ...”* Jude 3a

*“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”*

I John 2:2

#### 2. He needed to write about the duty of the saved.

*“...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”* Jude 3b

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”*

I Peter 3:15

### B. Jude’s command.

#### 1. The phrase “*contend earnestly for*” means to agonize.

*“24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.*

*25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

*26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.*

*27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”* I Corinthians 9:24-27