

Introduction:

- The letter of Jude is an urgent appeal for us as believers to earnestly contend (fight; stand up) for the faith.
- This morning, we will discover from Jude two reasons why we should fight for the faith.

There Are Always Those Who ______ the Faith. (v. 3b-4)

1. Some ______ the All-Sufficiency of Scripture. ... contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (v. 3b).

The sufficiency of Scripture is the biblical teaching that the Bible is all the revelation that is needed to equip believers for Christian life and service. Scripture reveals who God is, who we are, our broken status before God, our way of redemption, and the way we are to live as those redeemed by God. http://www.compellingtruth.org/sufficiency-of-scripture.html

2. Some the Doctrine of Grace.

For certain people have crept in unnoticed...who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality (v. 4a).

3. Some the Authority of Jesus Christ.

... and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (v. 4b).

Those Who Do Will Come Under God's

For certain men have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation (v. 4a).

Jude did not write that these men were ordained to become apostates, as though God were responsible for their sin. They became apostates because they willfully turned away from the truth. But God did ordain that such people would be judged and condemned. The Old Testament prophets denounced the false prophets of their day, and both Jesus Christ and His Apostles pronounced judgment on them.

– Warren Weirsbe

Three "Case Histories"

1. The Israelites

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who

saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe (v. 5).

2. The Angels

And the angels who did not stay within their own positon of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day (v. 6).

3. The Sodomites

Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire (v. 7).

There is a High Price to Pay for _____