



One chapter wonders - Jude

- Written by half-brother of Jesus. v3 is the key verse

1. **There is a faith to be contended for**

- “the faith” = a set of certain essential truths
- “once for all” = nothing needs to be added
- “entrusted” = our privilege and responsibility is to guard it

2. **This faith is worth contending for**

- Jude is full of passion for the Gospel
- What moves you to this sort of passion? Is it the truth of the gospel?
- A right view of Christ is the only way to escape judgment v5-7, 11, 13
- Worth contending for because Christ is a great saviour v24-25
- Throughout history people have died to guard this truth

3. **This faith is continually threatened from within the church**

- Paul’s, Jude’s & Jesus’ strongest words for religious people who distort the truth
- A two-pronged attack on the truth behind claims to be Christian:

a) **Their lives hide the truth**

- They mask their sin with spirituality v4
- They reject Christ’s right to rule them v8
- They make church all about them v16

b) **Their beliefs distort the truth**

- Don’t stick to the truth about Jesus v4
- Ridicule the supernatural v8,9
- Not interested in growing in knowledge v10

- They bear no fruit & drag others down v12-13, 19

4. **Every genuine believer should contend for the faith**

a) **Contend by taking responsibility for ourselves v20-21**

- Grow in God’s word
- Pray in the Spirit
- Walk in Obedience
- Long for Christ’s Return

b) **Contend by taking responsibility for others v22-23**

- Show mercy to strugglers – those in doubt
- Show urgency to stragglers – those toying with sin/error
- Show purity – don’t tolerate other’s sin

5. **As we contend, Christ upholds us**

- As we keep on obeying (v21), he keeps us (v24)
- He is the God who perfects his people



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Sabbath 13th July 08

Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Mark & Judith’s	8pm
Thur	Bible Study at Mark & Judith’s Chapter 11 - Disciplines of a Godly Man Chapter 14 - Disciplines of a Godly Woman	8pm
Wed 30th	Presentation of the Call from Kellswater to Mark 8pm at Faughan RP Church	

Everyone in the Fellowship is encouraged to come to the meeting. Two representatives from Letterkenny and two from Milford will be presenting reasons why Mark should stay. The Kellswater congregation will present reasons why he should come to Kells. After the bible study on Thursday 17th we’ll pick two people to speak on behalf of Letterkenny.

Please keep Mark & Judith in your prayers as they consider where God

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