





**Contend Earnestly for the Faith**

***Part 1***

## Jude 1-3

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 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.

**Contend Earnestly** [one word in the Greek] (1864)

*epagōnizomai*

1) to contend

*Thayer's Lexicon*

**Contend-** To fight or argue

*Webster's New World Dictionary*

# A Look at Faith

**Faith** (Grk. 4102) *pistis* {πίστις}

1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

**Read: Hebrews 11:1-40**

## Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

## Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

# Faith WITHOUT WORKS is Dead

## James 2:14-26

14 What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

## **James 2:14-26** (continue)

16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

## **James 2:14-26** (continue)

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

## **James 2:14-26** (continue)

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God.

## **James 2:14-26** (continue)

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

# Faith Has its Rewards

## Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

***Hebrews 11:6*** (Paraphrase)

*And without **obedient faithfulness** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

# Faith, Works and Salvation

## Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,  
5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

**Titus 3:4-7** (continued)

6 whom He poured out on us abundantly  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 that having been justified by His grace  
we should become heirs according to the  
hope of eternal life.

## 2 Timothy 1:8-11

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

## **2 Timothy 1:8-11** (continued)

10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,  
11 to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

**Romans 6:23** (NASB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Works of faith are not done in the hope that God is pleased, then saves us. We do these works of faith BECAUSE we are saved and have already obtained God's salvation.***

# Conclusion:

## Jude 3

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