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KEPT AND CONTENDING FOR JESUS

Jude 1-25

Jude in a sentence: Because we are kept by the Father for Jesus, let us also contend for Him.

- I. WE ARE THOSE WHO ARE KEPT FOR JESUS CHRIST (1-2, 24-25)
 - a. Called, loved, and kept (1) – all 3 of these are passives (not what we do but what is being done to us and for us)
 - i. Kept
 1. This is what Jesus prayed for. (John 17:11)
 2. This is what Paul prayed for. (1 Thess. 5:23)
 3. This is what God is going to do. (1 Cor. 1:8-9)
 4. Moo: “Being kept for Jesus Christ” means that God throughout this life exercises His power on behalf of Christians to preserve them spiritually intact until the coming of Jesus Christ in glory.
 - b. Who calls, loves, and keeps? (1, 25)
 - i. The only God, our Savior (25)
 - ii. He is able. (John 10:27-30; 6:37-40)
 - iii. Flavel: As God did not at first choose you because you were high, so he will not forsake you because you are now low.
 - c. Why does He keep us? (1, 24)
 - i. For Jesus Christ
 - ii. To present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy
 1. He does not just keep us, but He cleanses us and He does so joyfully!
 - d. How does He keep us? (25)
 - i. Through Jesus Christ
 - ii. His glory, majesty, dominion and authority
 - e. He has always done this, He is doing this, He will always do this. (25)
 - f. What is our response to His keeping us?
 - II. WE ARE TO BE THOSE WHO ARE CONTENDING FOR JESUS CHRIST .(3-23)
 - a. We are to contend for the faith. (3)
 - i. Our position in Christ should lead to passion for Christ.
 1. Contend = agonize – strenuous athletic word (1 Cor. 9:25)
 - ii. There is a faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
 1. What exactly is the faith that we should contend for?
 - a. It is the one that was delivered to the saints.



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- b. It does not change and does not need to change – once for all.
 - c. It is one faith, not many faiths.
 - iii. This faith is worthy of our contending, fighting, and even dying if necessary.
 - 1. Whatever price we are called to pay will be worth it to advance the gospel and preserve the faith.
 - iv. Every believer is called to contend for the faith.
 - b. Why do we contend for the faith? (4-16)
 - i. Because in every generation there will be threats to the faith from within the church. (4, 12)
 - 1. They have crept in unnoticed. (4)
 - 2. They are blemishes on the love feasts (12) – they look after only themselves.
 - 3. No spiritual fruit but barrenness (12-13)
 - ii. We've been warned about this. (4, 17)
 - iii. Who is causing the threat? (4, 8, 16, 19)
 - 1. Those who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality. (4)
 - 2. Those who deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (4)
 - 3. Those who rely on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. (8)
 - 4. Those who are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage. (16)
 - 5. Those who cause division and are devoid of the Spirit. (19)
 - iv. They will not get away with it. (5-7, 13-14)
 - c. How do we do contend for the faith? (17-23)
 - i. Remember the warnings of the apostles. (17-19)
 - ii. Remain in the love of God. (21)
 - 1. By building yourselves up in your most holy faith (20)
 - a. We work passionately and sacrificially to see our faith family grow in the faith – build one another up. (Eph. 4:11-16; Heb. 10:24-25)
 - b. Dever: We have a concern for both truth (the faith) and unity (building one another up). Our concern for truth should lead to unity. In Scripture, error brings division.
 - 2. By praying in the Holy Spirit (20)
 - a. Controlled, Guided, Empowered by the Spirit (Eph. 6:18)
 - 3. By waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (21)



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iii. Reach out to others

1. Those who are being pulled away - Have mercy on those who doubt.
2. Those who are walking away - Save others by snatching them out of the fire.
3. Those who have walked away - Show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Conclusion:

Psalm 121:3-8 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Phil. 1:27-30 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.