

Jude 1:1 - 3 (NASB)

¹Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

To those who are the **called**, beloved in God the Father, and **kept** for Jesus Christ:

²May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you **contend** earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

Who is Jude?: very common Jewish name

- Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ - word translated “servant” means “slave,” -----one who is subject to the will and wholly at the disposal of a master.
- Brother of James - Mary was their mother, and Joseph was their father.
- half-brother of Jesus - Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3

Why did he write this letter?

1. **Called** = Election, pre-destination, chosen grace

- These are mysteries of God’s sovereignty
- Beyond us in this life and will never be understood until we enter His glorious presence.
Ephesians 1:13 (NASB) ¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- If the Bible is silent, so should we. - “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God” (Deut. 29:29).

2. **Kept** – sanctified = set apart (preserved: “*carefully watched and guarded*”)

Jude 1:1 (KJV) ¹Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB) ¹³But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 - For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

3. **Contend** – powerful expression **contend earnestly** translates a present infinitive (*epagonizomai*) and stresses the need to defend the truth continually and vigorously
- (cf. 1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7). It is a compound verb from which the English *agonize* is transliterated. From Jude's day until now, true believers have always had to battle for the purity of the salvation gospel.
 - He wanted his readers to stand strong against the spiritual deceptions that threatened to wreck the church.
 - He also wanted these false teachers to be exposed and expelled.

Jude 1:3 (KJV)

³Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

- He wrote to “exhort” them (Jude 3). In the Greek language, this word was used to describe a general giving orders to the army; hence the atmosphere of this letter is “military.”
- Jude had started to write a quiet devotional letter about salvation, but the Spirit led him to put down his harp and sound the trumpet! The Epistle of Jude is a call to arms.

MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: Action Step

“Study and Pray.....everyday!”

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.