



Title | To Be a Contender
Series | CLOUDS WITH NO RAIN
Text | Jude 1:1-4
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Sermon Notes

Jude 1:1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: **2** May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. **3** Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Jude 1:1. According to this verse, believers in Jesus are "called," "beloved," and "kept." Take a moment to reflect on and give thanks for this triplet concerning our secure position in Christ: I am called, I am beloved, and I am kept.

Tuesday:

Read Jude 1:2. Jude would like his readers to more fully realize and experience the Lord's "mercy, peace, and love." Take a moment to reflect on each of these three words: mercy, peace, and love. To what extent have you experienced them? How do you think you could experience them more?

Wednesday:

Read Jude 1:3. What is "the faith," and why is it important to know that, at the time Jude was written (around AD 67 to AD 80) it had already been "once for all delivered to the saints"? What does this suggest about anyone who claims God has revealed more essential information since then?

Thursday:

Read Jude 1:4. What are the characteristics of the people described in this verse? To what extent do you think there are these kinds of people in the church today?

Friday:

From Jude 1:3, what does it mean to "contend for the faith," and what are some ways that you can do that while remaining Christlike?

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