
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, April 29, 2012

“DEFENDING THE FAITH”

(Jude 1-4)

Today we begin a study of the little book of Jude. Its message speaks to troubled times and the believers who live for Christ in such times. What must we do to defend the faith?

We are told four things about this precious faith:

1. It is divine in its _____.
2. It is unique in its _____.
3. It is complete in its _____.
4. It is holy in its _____.

We are told several fundamentals of this precious faith:

1. God is the _____ of all who believe (v. 1).
2. The glorious _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 4).
3. The doctrine of the _____ (v. 4).
4. The total _____ (v. 7).
5. The personality of the _____ (v. 19).
6. The existence of a _____ (v. 9).
7. The fact of judgment and _____ (vs. 6, 7, 13).
8. The justification of the sinner _____ (v. 11).
9. The personal _____ (v. 14).

10. The eternal _____ (v. 24).

11. The sovereignty and _____ (v. 25).

12. The authority of _____ (vs. 5-19).

How are we to defend this precious faith?

1. By _____.

2. By _____.

3. By _____.

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“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth” (Ephesians 4:14, NLT).

“Called out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9, NASB).

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39, NASB).

“Savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock” (Acts 20:29, NASB).

We are told four things about this precious faith:

1. It is divine in its origin.

“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21, NIV).

2. It is unique in its content.

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6, NIV).

3. It is complete in its revelation.

4. It is holy in its nature.

We are told several fundamentals of this precious faith:

1. God is the **Father** of all who believe (v. 1).
2. The glorious **Person** of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 4).
3. The doctrine of the **grace of God** (v. 4).
4. The total **depravity of man** (v. 7).
5. The personality of the **Holy Spirit** (v. 19).
6. The existence of a **personal Devil** (v. 9).
7. The fact of judgment and **Hell** (vs. 6, 7, 13).
8. The justification of the sinner by **faith alone** (v. 11).
9. The personal **return of Christ** (v. 14).
10. The eternal **security of believers** (v. 24).
11. The sovereignty and **keeping power of God** (v. 25).
12. The authority of the **Bible** (vs. 5-19).

*“For the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God”
(James 1:20, NASB).*

How are we to defend this precious faith?

1. By **living it**.

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NIV).

2. By proclaiming it.

3. By suffering for it.

“While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep” (Acts 7:54-60, NIV).