

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of July 11, 2021**  
**“CONTENDERS”...A Study of the Book of Jude**  
**Part 11: “Constructive Specifications” Jude 20**

We are living in a critical time in our world, when the basic truths of the Christian faith are being ignored or intentionally rebelled against. The study of Jude is appropriate and timely as Jude challenges us to contend for the faith!

**TODAY’S TRUTH:** When apostasy arises, when false teachers emerge, it is time to fight for the faith. **Of course when we talk about our faith, we need to be sure we are “of the faith” and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ, which is the only “antidote for apostasy.”**

**CONTENDER:** One who struggles with **skill and commitment** to oppose whatever is not of faith.

**1. FAITH BY GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*“...to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:” 2 Peter 1:1b*

- **GOD’S SOVEREIGN PLAN - Psalm 115:3**
- **OUR SHARED PRIORITY - 2 Peter 1:4**

**2. THE FOUNDATION OF GOD’S RESOURCES**

*“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,... 1 Peter 1:3*

- **RELYING ON THE SAVIOR - 1 Corinthians 3:11**
- **RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR SANCTIFICATION - Philippians 2:12**

**3. FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES**

*“...building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,: Jude 20*

- **WITH THE WORD OF HIS GRACE - Acts 20:32**
- **WITH THE WORKS HE HAS GIVEN - 2 Peter 1:5-8**
- **Add to Your Faith:**
  - Virtue**
  - Knowledge**
  - Self-Control**
  - Perseverance**
  - Godliness**
  - Brotherly Kindness**
  - Love**

**CONCLUSION**

*“For those of us who are Christians to exercise discernment and protect ourselves from being led astray, we must remain on the path of sanctification. Doing so involves first building ourselves up on our most holy faith. We must become doctrinally strong if we would recognize error and effectively fight the battle for truth.”* John MacArthur