

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of September 5, 2021
“CONTENDERS”...A Study of the Book of Jude
Part 19: “COMPETENT SAVIOR –
Applying the Wisdom of God” Jude 25

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 defend our faith. **That means we have to believe our faith is worth defending. God is the wisdom for that defense; and as author of the faith, God Himself, through Jesus Christ, is worthy to be praised!** **CONTENDER:** One who struggles with **skill and commitment** to oppose whatever is not of faith.

“Contend for the Faith” by J. Sidlow Baxter (Summary of Jude)

WHY CONTEND - APOSTATE TEACHERS ([Jude 1:3-16](#)).

- Their subtle perversions: Two basic denials ([Jude 1:3-4](#)).
- Their certain doom: Three historic examples ([Jude 1:5-7](#)).
- Their impious ways: Three historic examples ([Jude 1:8-11](#)).
- Their utter falsity: six awful metaphors ([Jude 1:12-13](#)).
- Enoch's prophecy: Coming destruction ([Jude 1:14-16](#)).

HOW TO CONTEND - OUR RESOURCES ([Jude 1:17-23](#)).

- Realize that the apostasy has been foretold ([Jude 1:17-19](#)).
- "Build," "pray in the Spirit," "keep," "look" ([Jude 1:20,21](#)).
- Show compassion towards certain who contend ([Jude 1:22](#)).
- Others seek urgently to rescue: but keep pure ([Jude 1:23](#)).
- Jude's doxology: Coming consummation. ([Jude 1:24, 25](#)).

1. PREACH THE SALVATION OF GOD

“²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 1 :23-24

- **TO RECEIVE THE LORD** John 1:12, Eph.1:17
- **TO RESCUE THE LOST** Jude 23
- **TO REASON FOR LIFE** Isaiah 1:18

2. PRAISE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

“To God...be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.” Jude 25

- **HIS PREEMINENCE** Hebrews 1: 2-3
- **HIS POWER** Ephesians 6:10
- **HIS PERMANENCE** 1 Timothy 6: 15-16

CONCLUSION

Jeremiah 9: 23-24

This is the basis for being CONTENDERS: being wise in understanding and knowing God, preaching His good news and praising His goodness.