

**DO WE NEED  
TO DEFEND OUR  
FAITH?**

**JUDE 1-4, 20-25**

**Jude 1:1-4 “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup>Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.””**



**Mark 6:3 “Is this not the  
carpenter, the Son of Mary, and  
brother of James, Joses, Judas  
(JUDE), and Simon? And are  
not His sisters here with us?’  
So they were offended at Him.”**

IN VERSE 2 OF JUDE; BELIEVERS RECEIVED THREE BLESSINGS:

1. CALLING

2 Peter 1:10 *“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.”*

Romans 8:28 *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*



## 2. SANCTIFICATION:

**John 17:19 “*And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”***

## 3. PRESERVATION:

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 “*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

***2 Pet 2:1 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,<sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.”***

***John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”***



**1 Peter 2:1 “Therefore, laying  
aside all malice, all deceit,  
hypocrisy, envy, and all evil  
speaking.”**

**Jude 1:20-23 “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup>but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”**



**1 Timothy 1:4 “Nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.”**

**Ephesians 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”**

**1 Timothy 1:14 “And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”**

**Hebrews 12:15 “Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”**

**James 1:27 “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”**

***Jude 1:24-25 “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup>To God our Saviour, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen”.***



**Keep you from STUMBLING:**

***1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.***

**Present you FAULTLESS to Himself:**

***Ephesians 5:27 That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.***



**THE LESSON WE HAVE LEARNED TODAY FROM JUDE MESSAGE IS POINTED OUT IN V21 AND V24.**

***<sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God.***

***<sup>24</sup>Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling.***

**THESE TWO-SIDES OF KEEPING IN V21, POINTS TO THE BELIEVERS PART. AND V24 IS GOD'S PART. AS WE DO OUR PART, WE ARE ASSURED THAT GOD IS DOING HIS PART.**

**LET US READ JESUS PRAYER FOR THE BELIEVERS. John 17:11-12 “**Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. Amen!**”**