

“How to Battle for the Truth”
Jude 1:1-3 (4) & Titus 1:9 & 16

There are primarily three types of Christian leaders/Christians people become...

1. The fearful, controlling, self-loving legalist.
2. The indifferent, undisciplined, people-loving, gracist.
3. The humble, gentle, conviction-filled, lover of God, truth and people.

ASPIRE for #3

- Why did Jude write this letter? (Jude 1:4)
 - Unholy and unbiblical teachers have crept unnoticed into the Church.
 - They are teaching two great errors....
 - There is no need for holiness. God’s grace was given to us so that when we do sin there is forgiveness and so that we would not sin (1 John 2:1-3).
 - There is no need for submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Obedience is optional and not necessary (Matthew 7:21-23).
 - God is not surprised by false teaching and there is a purpose for false teaching in the church (Acts 20:29-30).
 - To see the danger and severity of sin, namely pride.
 - To see the great, unbelievable patience of God.
 - To see the need for leaders to humbly depend on Christ to endure.
 - To see that God has a purpose for suffering.
- How do we battle false teaching or *contend* for the faith?
 - *Be humble (Jude 1:1)*: Jude identified as a servant of Christ. He did not identify as Jesus’ brother but as His servant (Matthew 20:26-28). Jude was a servant of the cause of Christ, not the cause of Jude (2 Corinthians 5:20).
 - *Give Him all the glory (Jude 1:1)*: You are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9); You are loved by grace (Romans 5:8); You will be sanctified (Philippians 2:12-13) and glorified (Philippians 1:6) by grace.
 - *Desire to see His beauty (Jude 1:2)*: Desire to grow in your understanding of His mercy (Ephesians 2:4), the peace of God (Philippians 4:7) and His love (Ephesians 3:18-19).
 - *Take our responsibility seriously (Jude 1:3)*: As Christians we are to take the responsibility of being a proclaimer (Luke 6:45) and practitioner (James 1:22) of the gospel of Jesus Christ seriously.
 - *Know the Bible (Jude 1:3)*: There are no new revelations from God. Everything that we need for teaching, encouragement, correction, discipleship, and holiness, is found in the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). So read it, memorize it, and meditate on it.
- Truth is objective:
 - Jesus is the *TRUTH* (John 14:6) and is full of grace and *TRUTH* (John 1:14). The Holy Spirit that dwells in us is the Spirit of *TRUTH* (1 John 5:6). The Word of God is the *TRUTH* and we are sanctified by it (John 17:17). We are called to teach the *TRUTH* (2 Timothy 3:16) and rightly handle the *TRUTH* (2 Timothy 2:15). The Church is the pillar and support of the *TRUTH* (1 Timothy 3:15). Satan (John 8:44) and false teachers (1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4) are enemies of the *TRUTH*.

Worship: Tis so Sweet (Norton Hall Band) In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7