

Stand Strong!

A Study of the Book of Jude

Who wrote the book?

Most scholars identify the writer as Jude the half-brother of _____.

- Jude often referenced the Old Testament. This led many to believe the letter was written to Christians Jews in Palestine who were gathered in local fellowships.

Why is Jude so important?

Jude uses a sharp edge and brevity of speech to clearly challenge people of faith to stand strong and remove false belief systems.

How do we stand strong against error and those who promote error even within our circles?

Jude gives us 7 commands so that we can Stand Strong.

1. _____ - for the Faith

The emphasis is on the need to defend the truth continuously and with passion.

- 1.1. There is a _____ once for all delivered to the saints.
The body of beliefs has not changed for over 2,000 years and it will not change today!
- 1.2. This faith is worth _____ for.
If we lose the truth, we lose salvation. We are talking about eternal souls.
- 1.3. This faith is repeatedly _____ from within the church.
Jude did not focus on the details of their false doctrine.
Instead, they are exposed by their character.

2. _____ – who creates divisions - 17-19

Self-absorb people will always be divisive.

3. _____ up! - in your faith -20

Every believer is only going in one of two directions. You are either growing or backsliding.

How? – Daily Quiet Time, Scripture Memory, Spiritual songs, Christian books, faithfulness to church

4. _____ in the Holy Spirit – 20
5. _____ the love – 21
We live the love by practicing forgiveness – daily.
6. _____ on the goal - 21
Jesus is coming again – and it could be today.
7. Get _____ - with the lives of others
 - 7.1. The Doubters
We are to show mercy to an unstable follower of Jesus and not judgement.
 - 7.2. The _____
These are the unsaved who have been duped by the lies of false teachers
To the desperate – use truth
 - 7.3. The _____
There are those very deep in sin and far from God.
We are to even go there and reach them with mercy but with a healthy fear to not allow any of the sins to taint our soul.

What are you doing to reach the doubters, the desperate and the defiled?
How are you involved? We have plenty of opportunity in the church?

We started with a grave admonition to Stand Strong.
We end with the reason why we can.

- A. _____ – military word meaning to guard.
- B. Stumbling – as opposed to the doubter walking unsteadily; perhaps of sinning (and falling into ruin).
He will protect you from ever falling beyond His reach.
- C. Stand – as opposed to the desperate
- D. _____ — the manifest presentation of God’s infinite and majestic nature; normally conveyed to humanity as superlative brightness.
- E. Blameless – as opposed to the defiled
being free from guilt; conceived as being free from physical spots or stains.
- F. Glory — the manifest presentation of God’s infinite and majestic nature; normally conveyed to humanity as superlative brightness.
- G. _____ — the quality of a person or thing which inspires awe or reverence in the beholder; Sovereign – Supreme over all.
- H. Authority – dominion – power – victorious power

Application:

Which command do you need to work on this week?

1. Fight - for the Faith - 3
2. Remember – who creates divisions - 17-19
3. Grow up! - in your faith -20
4. Pray in the Holy Spirit – 20
5. Live the love – 21
6. Focus on the goal - 21
7. Get involved - with the lives of others – 22,23

This week – try reading through the doxology every day – slowly and letting each word sink into your soul.