

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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GETTING CONNECTED: *Contending For Faithful Living* Jude 1-4

Introduction : The book of Jude is a small but powerful book. It was written by Jude (Judas), the brother of James. He may have been the brother of Jesus (**Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3**). It was written around 75 AD (as early as 66 AD and as late as 80 AD). His theme: Fight, contend, and do battle! The enemy is near!!! However, the underlying theme shows us how to connect with the lost. And those that are lost can be those inside and outside of the church. We need to find ways to stay connected to our power source. . . . The LORD! Let's study these first few verses together and see what we can learn

Discussion :

I. Faithful Christians Have A Common Calling (v.1)

We are God's elect.
We are God's beloved children.
We are safe under God's protection.

II. Faithful Christians Have A Common Blessing (v.2)

We enjoy the blessing of God's mercy.
We enjoy the blessing of God's peace.
We enjoy the blessing of God's love.

III. Faithful Christians Have A Common Salvation (v.3)

We share in salvation.
We share in suffering.
We share in servanthood.
We are volunteer soldiers.

IV. Faithful Christians Have A Common Warning (v.4)

We will see sneaky Christians (secretly entered).
We will see ignorant Christians (against God).
We will see immature Christians (change the grace of God).
We will see weak Christians (do not except Christ – pressure from Jews).

Conclusion : The church needs to be prepared to fight, contend, and do battle. The enemy is on our doorstep and we have to stand up! We are the soldiers of the Lord. We need to stay connected to our Lord and find ways to connect the lost to Him!