

Contend For THE Faith

Jude 3

What Is “The Faith”?

- The Word of God. Acts 13:5-8
- The Doctrine of Christ. Acts 13:12
- The Gospel. Galatians 1:11, 23

What Is “The Faith”?

- Something that can be delivered.
Jude 3; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- Something that was revealed. Galatians 3:23-25; Ephesians 3:2-8; cf. 1 Peter 1:10-12
- Something that was preached.
Galatians 1:23; cf. Romans 10:8

What Is “The Faith”?

- Something that could be obeyed.
Acts 6:7; Romans 1:5
- Something that could be established.
Acts 16:5; Colossians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Something one can depart from.
1 Timothy 4:1; 6:10; 2 Timothy 4:10
- Something that must be contended for.
Jude 3; Philippians 1:27

“Contend”

epagēnísomai: “To fight for or in reference to something.” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
 “To exert intense effort on behalf of something – ‘to struggle for.’ to encourage you to struggle for the ... Faith.” (Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain.)

Contend “Earnestly”

epagēnísomai: “to contend about a thing, as a combatant” ... The word “earnestly” is added to convey the intensive force of the preposition. (W.E. Vine)

Boldly declare the gospel. cf. Acts 4:29;
Ephesians 6:19, 20; 1 Thessalonians 2:2

Meaning Of “Contend”

Defend the gospel. Philippians 1:7,17

- Stephen – Acts 6:9-10, 13 - 7:1, 51-53
- Paul disputed with the Greeks – Acts 9:29; 13:6-13
- Paul and Barnabas in Antioch and Jerusalem – Acts 15:1-2
- Paul in Athens – Acts 17
- Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19:9-10

“Once For All Delivered”

“*Once*” (*hapax*) “used of what is so done as to be of perpetual validity and never need repetition, once for all: Hebrews 6:4; 10:2; 1 Peter 3:18; Jude 3,5.” (W.E. Vine)

“Once For All Delivered”

Revelation is complete.

- Given by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 3:3-5
- All truth revealed. John 14:26; 16:13
- Forbidden to preach another. Galatians 1:8-9
- Perfect. James 1:25; 1 Corinthians 13:9-10
- All things pertaining to life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3

Delivered To Saints

“*Saints*” (*hagios*) – “set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively his” (Thayer)

- First delivered to the apostles. Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47
- Committed to faithful men. 2 Timothy 2:2

Conclusion

- Contend only for the truth.
Acts 15; cf. Galatians 2:5
- Adversaries within ... Warning
Jude 4; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8