

Sermon 11-9-08

Christians – Rise up and contend for the faith (Jude 1:3)

Overview of Jude:

Jude is urging all Christian to rise up and contend earnestly for the faith against apostates and their false teaching. Jude was dealing with and we are dealing with gospel-corrupters and Christ –deniers.

Jude is issuing a deliberate shrill call to battle.

False teachers cover over the seriousness of sin and instruct us not to worry about it. (Jer. 6:14)

- George Whitefield’s Sermon: The Method of Grace

False teachers are driven by their lust for (Jude):

- Carnal pleasure (vs. 7)
- Greed for money (vs. 11)
- Greed for power (vs11)

False teachers are rebellious against Christ’s lordship (Lk 6:46).

Even if they confess it with their lips they deny with their lives.

Signs of the time

Proof that ungodliness is rampant in evangelical circles is evident.

- Churches are now furnishing entertainment and amusements in place of authentic worship and Bible teaching.
- A popular doctrinal system that deliberately removes the lordship of Christ from the gospel message to give a theological justification for “Christians” to live carnal life styles (people who profess to believe in Christ but live ungodly lives.)
- The erosion of evangelicals/ Christians commitment to clear biblical moral standards.

Hope for the Future

- God has called us to perseverance and discernment (Jude 1:17-23). Persevere until Christ returns and develop the ability to discern right from wrong and truth from error (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16; Jn. 7:24).
- God has preprogrammed the fate of the false teacher (Jude 4).
- God is in control and He is not fooled (Mt. 13:22-23).