

## To Tell the Truth

### III: Truth's \_\_\_\_\_ : v1, v24

Things which are spiritual in nature have God's promise of preservation.

A. God's promise to preserve His \_\_\_\_\_

**V1 ... to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:**

Being eternal, Jesus Himself is preserved!

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B. God's promise to preserve the \_\_\_\_\_

Ps. 12:6-7

It should be of great encouragement that the truths upon which we stand will never be lost. The truth of God's Word will always prevail because it is established, delivered, preserved, and it is secured .

- Jesus said in Matt. 24:35 ... **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**
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C. God's promise to preserve His \_\_\_\_\_ v24

We are preserved because Jesus is preserved. We are preserved eternally, we are preserved positionally, and we are preserved passionately by our faith in Jesus!

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Knowing what is truth is vital to one's eternity! 1 Timothy 2:4 tells us that God ... **will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

Friends, that is why we must contend for the faith. To declare to the world the truths of Jesus Christ and the Word of God!

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Jude v1-3

Several years ago there was a game show called "To Tell the Truth". The idea of the show was for 3 people to all claim to be the same person and the panel, through a series of questions, would guess who was the real person. Sadly, we live in a time where there are many who claim to have truth but they are imposters and fakes. The idea that there are many truths which contradict one-another is also a fake.

In Jude, he tells us to *earnestly contend for the faith*. In order to fight for our faith we must first establish the truths of our faith.

This morning we will discover three aspects of truth that will help all believers contend for the faith.

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### I: Truth's \_\_\_\_\_

It would be very simple to just say, "well, truth is what comes from God". While that is a true and right statement, there is much more to consider such as the character of truth.

A. truth's character is \_\_\_\_\_

Notice the words ... "**once delivered**". This indicates "finality". In other words, there is no new truth. With all the new "gospels" and forms of Christianity emerging in our day, such as the prosperity gospel, hyper-grace movement, or even many of our charismatic churches, we are reminded of Paul's words...

Gal. 1:6-7 ... <sup>6</sup> **I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

<sup>7</sup> **Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

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B. truth's character is \_\_\_\_\_

Truth has been established and delivered unto the *saints*. God has delivered His truth to us and He expects us to use appropriately. We have been entrusted with the gift of knowing the truth about salvation and a common faith and entrusted with opportunities to share these truths with others.

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C. truth's character is \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical truth separates, divides, and is set apart from that which is not true. And that divisiveness is designed to carry into the lives of believers. Jude 1:1 **Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:**

- "Sanctified" = to render something holy which sets it apart from that which is NOT holy (pure / righteous)
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If we are to contend for the faith, we have to resolve and stand firm on the fact that truth is established, delivered unto the saints and will be divisive. With this said, we also understand there IS absolute truth and that it CAN be known.

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### II: Truth's \_\_\_\_\_

We have never seen a time in recent history where the battle for truth has been so prevalent. The forces of evil have locked horns with truth and what we are seeing right now is not just coming from the wickedness of man's own heart, but rather ... I believe this morning that what we are seeing is of Satanic influence.

A. the battle for truth is \_\_\_\_\_: v3  
Jude's first inclination was to write a warm and endearing letter about the common faith. But then, the Holy Spirit moved him to instead write a letter exhorting believers to contend for, to fight for, and to battle for the truths of their faith.

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B. the battle for truth is \_\_\_\_\_: v20-23  
Contending for the faith requires that things be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40) and God has a strategic plan for the battle.  
We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.  
We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith.  
We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit  
We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the lost that are in the world.

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Do we see that one of the Christian's great weapons for the battle for truth and faith is not argument but love, compassion, mercy, and our testimony? Winning arguments doesn't make a difference... only our faith in Jesus makes a difference; faith in Jesus is the only hope a person has at being pulled out of the consuming fire of sin!

And the day we stop compassionately declaring the truth and stop being evangelistic, and stop doing all that we can to keep ourselves fighting according to God's battle plan by keeping ourselves unspotted by the flesh, that is the day we stop fighting for truth and the day that people stop seeing the truth in us.

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