

Valley Bible Church
The Gospel Project: Come Lord Jesus
“Defending the Faith!”
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Jude 1-4, 20-25 (English Standard Version)

Jude 1-4 (ESV) ¹Jude, a servant [lit. *slave*] of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
²May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. ³Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints.
⁴For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Jude 20-25 (ESV) ²⁰But you, beloved, **building yourselves up** in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And **have mercy** on those who doubt; ²³**save others** by snatching them out of the fire; to others **show mercy** with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.** Amen.

Is the church today _____ for or _____ its faith?

1 John 2:15-17 (CSB) – ¹⁵*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* ¹⁶*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world.* ¹⁷*And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.*

1. C _____ for the faith (3-4).

2. C _____ our Faith (20-21).

3. C _____ for others in the faith (22-23).

4. C _____ to Worship the King! (24-25).

SO WHAT?

NOW WHAT? Application

Key: Contending; Compromising 1. *Contend* 2. *Construct* 3. *Care* 4. *Call*

