

Problem:

if you have been to more than one church ever in your life this will probably be familiar

The great heresy of the church today is that we think we're in the entertainment business

we have substituted worship with worshiptainment

we have substituted preaching with pep rallies

having preached through almost the entire new testament

i am convinced that the bible is very clear on this:

real worship requires real vigilance

real preaching requires real polemics

I would love to entertain you with an encouraging pep rally but i must yet again warn you...

Main Idea:

we are called

to contend for the faith

in the church

against the ancient enemies of God

who are among us

even now

as a mature body

kept by God

Implication:

every church should be a bible institute, every believer should be a bible student

application:

we don't have to stumble

instead of pep rallies we need preaching that proclaims truth and denounces error-Rom 16:25

instead of worshiptainment we need worship that is centered on the Word of God-Rom 16:26

text :**we are called**

Jude 1 Jude (judas), a servant (slave) of Jesus Christ and brother of James, ¶ To those who are **called**, beloved (perfect) in God the Father **and kept** (perfect) for Jesus Christ:

Jude 2 ¶ May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

jude - mk 6:3 (brother of jesus)

John 7:3-5 (was not initially a believer)

to contend for the faith

Jude 3 ¶ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to **contend (agonize) for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.**

necessary - ezekiel 3:16-21 (a watchman)

contend - war of ideas - 2 Cor 10:3-5

eph 6:11-17

once for all delivered - 1 Cor 15:1-4; Gal 1:6-9

in the church

Jude 4 **For 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.

2 Pet 2:1-3 (secretly destroy)

against the ancient enemies of God

Jude 5 ¶ Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of **Egypt**, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 6 And the **angels who did not stay** within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day-

Jude 7 just as **Sodom and Gomorrah** and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

2 Peter 2:4-10a (familiar enemies)

who are among us

Jude 8 ¶ Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

Jude 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Jude 10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Jude 11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain (**manmade religion**) and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error (**personal gain**) and perished in Korah's rebellion (**self promotion**).

Jude 12 **These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear**, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

Jude 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

Jude 14 ¶ It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, (*paul quoted from pagans acts 17:28*)

Jude 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jude 16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

2 Pet 2:10b-22 (they feast with you)

even now

Jude 17 ¶ But you must **remember**, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 18 They said to you, "**In the last time there will be** scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

Jude 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

2 Pet 3:1-10 (divide through false ideas as predicted)

as a mature body

Jude 20 But you, beloved, **building yourselves** up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

Jude 21 **keep yourselves in** the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jude 22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

Jude 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

2 Pet 3:11-18 (grow in grace and knowledge)

how to fight

- 2 tim 3:1-9; 4:1-7 (word of God)

- acts 20:25-32

implication:

every church a bible institute

maturity - eph 4:11-16

united knowledge - col 1:28-2:4

every small group made up of bible students

acts 2:42

kept by God

Jude 24 ¶ **Now to him who is able to keep you** from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

Jude 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*jude 1 - called and kept - we don't have to
not pep rallies but preaching - rom 16:25
not worshiptainment but word - rom 16:26*

stumble...

articles for further study:

here is a satire -

<http://babylonbee.com/news/drugged-clubber-suddenly-realizes-shes-church-worship-service/>

here is the real thing -

thepartyinthedesert.com

here is an article on worshiptainment -

<https://mikelivingstone.com/2014/12/17/the-heresy-of-worshiptainment/>