

## Contending for the Faith

### Introduction:

- A. Positive Christianity is the cry of the hour.
- B. The inspired writer, by contrast, summons the saints to battle. - Jude 3
- C. What is our responsibility to the faith?
- I. The faith is our true creed. - Jude 3; Galatians 1:23; cf. Romans 10:8,17
- II. As such it is
  - A. unique: “**the** faith” - Jude 3; Ephesians 4:5
  - B. final and complete: “**once**” - Jude 3; cf. Hebrews 9:27-28; Galatians 1:6-9
  - C. divine in origin: “**delivered**” - Jude 3; Galatians 1:11-12
  - D. for all Christians: “**to the saints**” - Jude 3; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 3:1-6
- III. Our responsibility is to “**earnestly contend for the faith.**” - Jude 3; cf. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

### Conclusion:

- A. Jude 3 is the battle cry of the church, the Christian’s call to arms. - cf. Leonidas, Battle of Thermopyly, “They shall not pass.”
- B. Will you not join the ranks of volunteers? - “Soldiers of Christ Arise”