**One Hit Wonders** (graphic)

**Jude**

(Jude 1,2)

“Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.”

(Jude 3)

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and **urge** you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.”

1. There is an **urgency** to **contend** for the **faith**.

 **Contend**

 Synonyms: *confront, struggle in opposition, strive to debate, dispute earnestly (sincerely)*

 **Contend**

 Antonyms: *agree, comply, go along, hide, make peace, retreat, give in.*

(Jude 4)

“For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly **slipped** in among you. They are **ungodly** people, who **pervert** the grace of our God into a **license for immorality** and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.”

1. **Ungodly** grace **grants** you to have **gross misconduct** and still be **good**.

(Jude 7)

“In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an **example** of those who suffer the punishment of eternal **fire**.”

(Jude 16)

“These people are **grumblers** and **faultfinders**; they follow their own evil desires; they **boast** about themselves and **flatter others for their own advantage**.”

(Jude 17-23)

“But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, “In the last times there will be **scoffers** who will **follow their own ungodly desires**.” These are the people who **divide** you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, by **building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit**, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. **Be merciful to those who doubt**; save others by **snatching them from the fire**; to others **show mercy**, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.”

1. We are called to **stand** firm.

(Jude 24-25)

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen!”