A Letter For Such A Time As This





How Long Do You Want To Be A Christian?

BUILD YOURSELF UP IN YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH



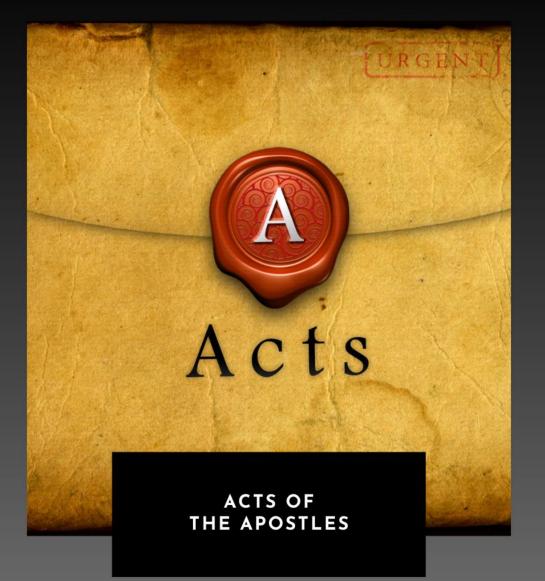
10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold ... (Matthew 24)

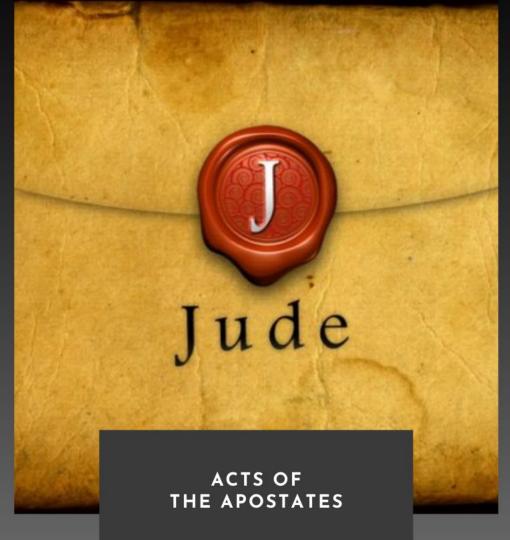
1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

(1 Timothy 1)

13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24)







Jude's Charge





CONTEND

for the faith

BUILD

yourself up in the faith

Which is real?





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. 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 licence for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

(Jude 1)

1 Thessalonians GREATIMIS Enclosing the Frove

11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3)



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4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

(2 Corinthians 11)

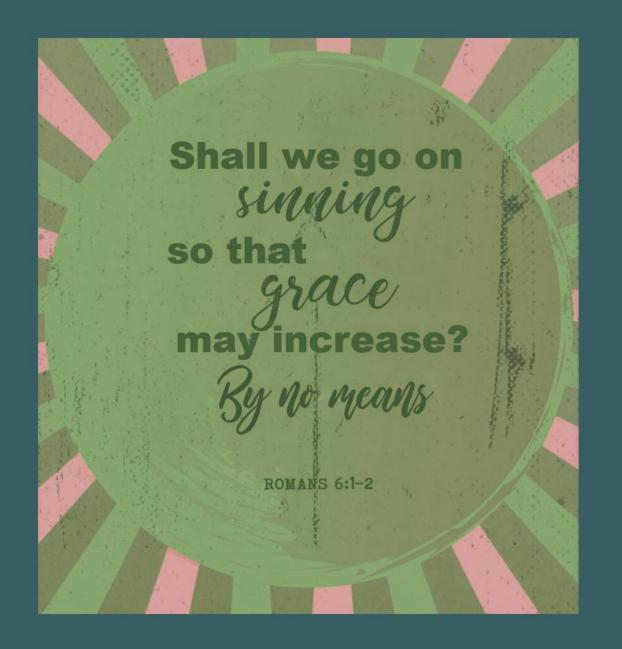
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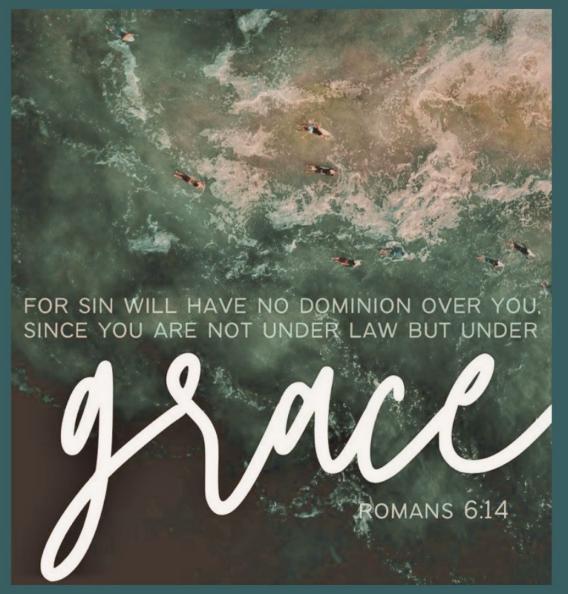
6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

(Galatians 1)

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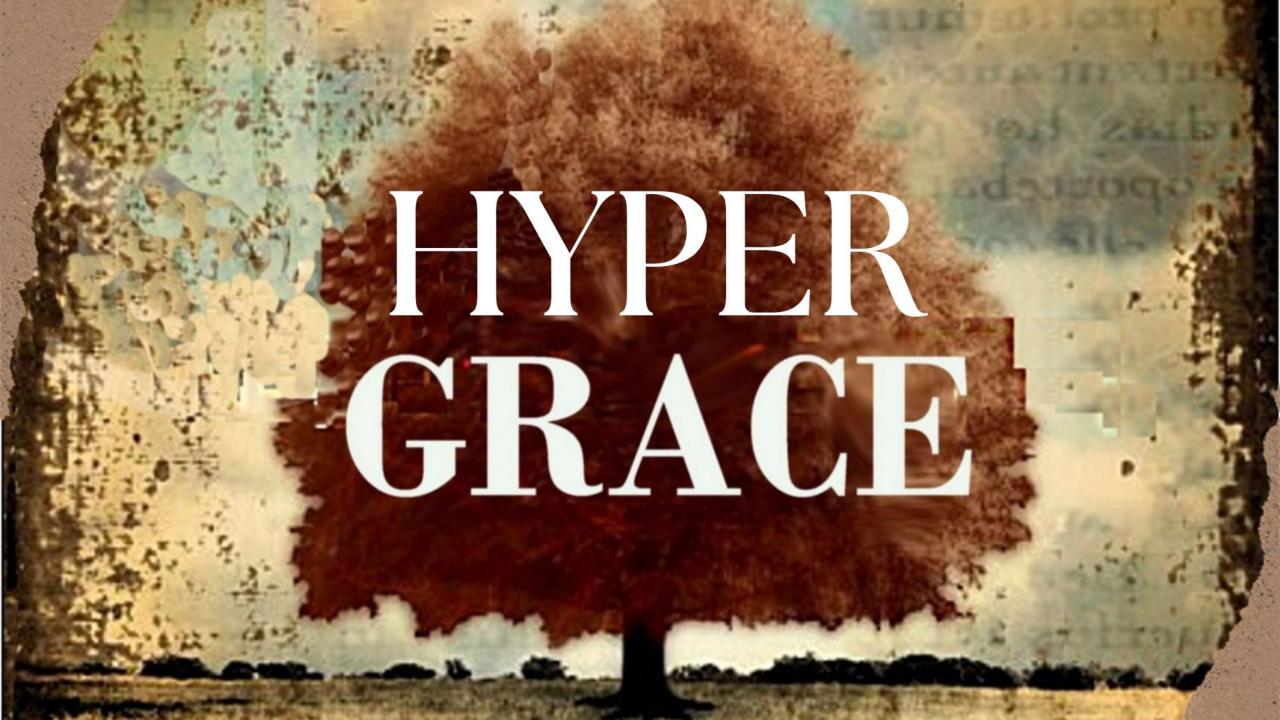




For the grace of **God that brings** salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...

- Titus 2:11-12 -



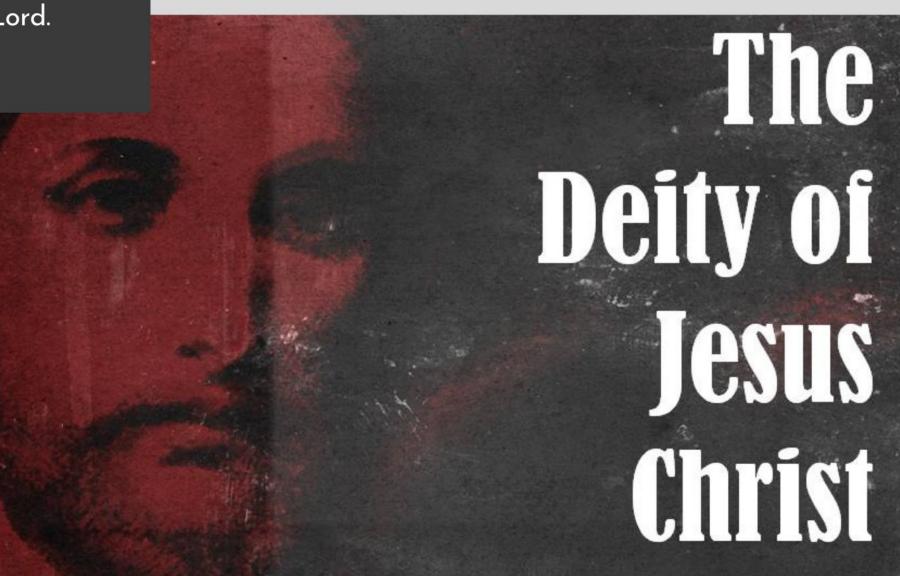


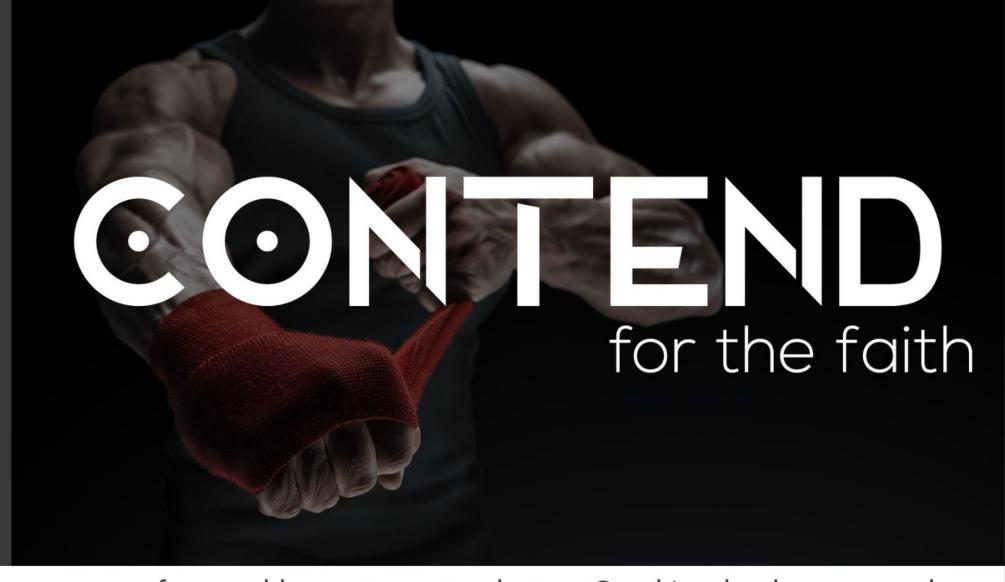
... a new wave of teaching that emphasizes the grace of God to the exclusion of other vital teachings such as repentance and confession of sin. Hyper-grace teachers maintain that all sin, past, present, and future, has already been forgiven, so there is no need for a believer to ever confess it. Hyper-grace teaching says that, when God looks at us, He sees only a holy and righteous people. The conclusion of hyper-grace teaching is that we are not bound by Jesus' teaching, even as we are not under the Law; that believers are not responsible for their sin; and that anyone who disagrees is a pharisaical legalist. In short, hyper-grace teachers "pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality" (Jude 1:4) and flirt with antinomianism.

Got Questions?

The word antinomianism comes from two Greek words, anti, meaning "against"; and nomos, meaning "law." Antinomianism means "against the law." Theologically, antinomianism takes a biblical teaching to an unbiblical conclusion. The biblical teaching is that Christians are not required to observe the Old Testament Law as a means of salvation. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He fulfilled the Old Testament Law (Romans 10:14, Galatians 3:23-25, Ephesians 2:15). The unbiblical conclusion is that there is no moral law God expects Christians to obey. Got Questions?

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3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4





KNOW IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT!

20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

| Jude]

FIGHT GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

7 I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH. (2 TIMOTHY 4)