**Amazing Agape Christian Church**

**2021.12.19 Sunday Sermon 主日講道講章**

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**主題經文Scripture Reading**

**Jude 1:3**

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## Contending for our Faith

**Jude 1:1b-2 ....starts with ... to those....
1b**To those who are called, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30674a)]sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: **2** Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

**Jude 1:3
3**Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

 **Why needing to content
Jude 1:4
4**For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30677b)]God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jude 1:5
5**But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

**Jude 1:6
6**And the angels who did not keep their [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30679c)]proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day

**Jude 1:7** **7**as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30680d)]vengeance of eternal fire.

 **With no guard
Jude 1:8
8**Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30681e)]dignitaries.

**Jude 1:9
9**Yet Michael the archangel, in [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30682f)]contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!

 **Characteristics of these
Jude 1:10-11
10**But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

**11**Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

 **Depravity of these
Jude 1:12-13
12**These are [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30685g)]spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried

[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30685h)]about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; **13**raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

 **Judgement of these
Jude 1:14-15
14**Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **15**to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

 **Behavior of these
Jude 1:16-18
16**These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage.

 **17**But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18**how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

 **Spiritual state of these
Jude 1:19
19**These are [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-30692i" \o "See footnote i)]sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

 **As for you growing inward
Jude 1:20-21
20**But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21**keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Helping outward
Jude 1:22-23
22**And on some have compassion, [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30695j)]making a distinction; **23**but others save [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30696k)]with fear, pulling *them* out of the [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30696l)]fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

 **Lastly looking  upward to the Glory
Jude 1:24-25**

**24**Now to Him who is able to keep [[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30697m)]you from stumbling, And to present

*you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, **25**To

[[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30698n)]God our Savior, [[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30698o)]Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and [[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30698p)]power, Both now and forever. Amen.