

# CONTEND FOR THE FAITH: A CALL TO DISCERNMENT

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*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 for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints. **Jude v. 3***

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil ... In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.** **Ephesians 6:11,16,17***

## Defining Traits of False Teachers:

- 1) They are \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) They \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) They \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) They \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) They are \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) They \_\_\_\_\_

## Doctrines that Define Us:

What do you believe about . . .

- ✓ God
- ✓ Jesus Christ
- ✓ The Holy Spirit

- ✓ The Trinity
- ✓ Sin
- ✓ Salvation (Faith Alone in Christ Alone? Faith + Works? Faith PLUS Something Else)
- ✓ The Bible

## Discernment that Contends for the Faith:

- 1) Deepen \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Depend \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Diligently \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions to consider:

- 1) Do you believe that the Bible is sufficient, infallible, inerrant and the authoritative Word of God?
- 2) Can you recall instances when you heard something 'Christian', but you felt that it was not consistent with the Word of God? What was your response?
- 3) As a follower of Christ, how do you develop and practice Biblical discernment?