

# *How-To: Contending AGAINST Apostates*

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**Jude 3-4 (ESV)**

**Pew Bible:**

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **The Tone of Jude**

- v.1 "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James"
- v.2 "called, beloved in God... and kept"
- v.3 "Beloved...contend for the faith"
- v.17 "you must remember, beloved"
- v. 20 "Beloved...build....pray...keep....wait"
- v.24-25 "present you blameless...with great joy"

## **What is an apostate?**

*'one who dissents'*

### **1 John 2:9**

*"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us."*

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## **1) Reason Why We Must Contend for the Faith**

"For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation,"

### **A) Apostates are a direct threat to the church**

"for certain people have crept in unnoticed"  
*paricedoon* – to enter secretly

### **B) Apostates have been condemned already**

"who long ago were designated for this condemnation"

## **2) How-To: Spotting Apostates**

"...ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."

### **A) Their Character is ungodly**

"ungodly people"

### **B) Their conduct is immoral**

"who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality"  
Romans 6

### **C) Their confession is flawed**

"...and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."