

Progressive Christianity (1)

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: ² Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. 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 license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.
Jude 1:1-4

Progressive Christianity:

- Has its roots in liberal Christianity or liberal theology and has been around for a long time.
- At its core, it is more than just a different viewpoint, instead it is a different religion altogether.
- It has several names like **Liberal Christianity** or the **Emerging Church** or **Progressive Christianity**.

The basic foundation of "Liberal Theology" is that it has a different way of looking at the Bible, looking at God, looking at the world, and looking at humanity.

Progressive Christianity places its emphasis on social justice, fairness, love, the environment, and equality.

Progressive Christianity affects the way people see the world, the people, the gospel, and the great commission.

Progressive Christianity universalizes faith and tells everybody "You are okay."

Progressive Christianity calls on Orthodox/Conservative Christians:

- To agree with people.
- To be open minded and all that implies.

- To accept people, whoever they are, whatever they believe, whatever lifestyle they want to live.
 - To not judge people.
 - To create a just society.
- ❖ But the problem is, they are trying to do all these things apart from the influence and guidance of scripture.

As intimidating, scary, and real as all of this is. We cannot and do not focus on their threats of fear and intimidation.

Instead, we stand on and focus on the truth of God's Word.

Just as Jude tells us:

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God is looking for men and women who will stand up and contend for the faith that was "once for all entrusted to God's holy people."

The question, for our day, is are we going to be Christians who are willing to stand up and "**contend for the faith**" God has given to us?

Or, are we going to let "**the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people**" be taken over by others whose goal is to "**pervert the grace of our God in a license for immorality and the denial of Jesus Christ our Lord?**"

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