

RIGHT DOCTRINE AND CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

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I, II, & III John and Jude (Selected Verses)

Introduction: Ever since God began to reveal His truth to mankind, Satan has opposed by distortion of that truth with his false doctrine.

1. Doctrine is usually a collective noun that means all of a body of knowledge that is taught as fact—for example, the doctrine of Jesus is the body of His teaching.
2. Word Study: The New Testament word for doctrine was (Gr.) *didache*, and was transliterated into English in the form of an adjective, didactic, which describes things pertaining to teaching or instruction.
3. The importance of doctrine: **What we believe is how we live.**
4. False prophets and false teachers have been the Church's biggest problem throughout its history.
5. False doctrine has created false religions: [cults and 'isms'].
All false religion: works of man, not faith in the true God.

Today, we will discuss some concerns of the 1st century Church by looking at verses from the Apostle John's and Jude's letters.

A. John's appeal to the churches was for love, obedience, & purity:

I John 2:3 & 5, 29; 3:3, 9; 4:10-11; 5:3

II John 1-2, 5-6; III John 5-10

B. John's concerns about doctrine:

I John 4:1-3, 5:1 & 13

II John 6-11; III John 11-12

C. Jude's concerns for right doctrine: **Jude 3-4, 16-19.**

Jude on judgment of the evil-doers: **Jude 12-15.**

Jude on faithfulness to God: **Jude 20-23**

***Instruction: Study and meditate on all references listed.**