The Challenge of True Faith

There is the tendency in today’s public discourse to declare that all religions are the same. Perhaps this concession comes from the desire that we should all get along. For sure, we all want to get along, but why abandon truth? If all things are true then nothing is true. If there is truth, then there must be things that are false.

We are exhorted in the book of Jude “...to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3). This is a clear challenge to keep the true faith. We are challenged to live up to our calling as saints – those set apart for God through Jesus Christ.

The challenge before us has many facets. First, we must not contend for the faith in a contentious manner. In other words, we must have a demeanor that is not cruel or obnoxious. We are to speak the truth in love. Second, we must know and understand the contents of the faith that has been entrusted to us. We all have homework. No one is exempt. Jesus has declared that his people are to be salt and light in the world. Jesus warned us not to lose our salinity or our shininess. It is God’s will that he be able to use us to bring his blessing into this world. This is the challenge given to us to keep the true faith.

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Jude 1-4

1-2 SUPERNATURAL GREETING

 1 Peter 1:3-5

3 SUPERNATURAL CHALLENGE

 1 Peter 3:15

 Galatians 1:6-9

4 SUPERNATURAL RESISTANCE

 ▪ False teachers

 ▪ False grace

 ▪ False Jesus