

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)*

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Ron Hutchison

### **Opening Prayer:**

Chris Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Lord's Table**

Josh Fulcher  
Mitchell Smith  
Andy Johnson  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Wesley and Whitney

### **Greeters (West)**

Nathia and Ashlee

## **LESSONS**

**AM:** Sweet Hour of  
Prayer

### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 7:7-11

**PM:** Possibility of  
Apostasy

### **Scripture reading:**

2Peter 2:20-22

# LOVE ME? LIKE ME?

*By: Alan Adams*

With the twelve gathered round, Jesus affirmed, “All ye shall be offended [fall away, NAS].” As proof, He quoted from Zechariah (13:7). God had foretold that one day He would “smite the shepherd (Jesus),” and “the sheep (disciples) shall be scattered.” Peter was outraged by the thought, and proclaimed, “Although all shall be offended, yet will not I” (29). Jesus proceeded to prophesy that before the night was out Peter would have denied Him “thrice” (30). Peter “vehemently” said, “If I must die with thee, I will not deny thee” (31). We sadly know that Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled (Matthew 26:75); Peter denied Jesus three times.

Fast-forward to the crucifixion, the burial, and the resurrection. One of the first to see the Grave Conqueror was Peter the denier. What must that posthumous meeting have been like? For “forty days,” Jesus, “appearing unto them,” “showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs” (Acts 1:3). Toward the end of the forty days, He subjected Peter to one of the most profound question-answer series ever known.

Peter's having denied Jesus three times, the Lord symmetrically probes Peter with three questions (John 21:15-17). #1, “Lovest thou me more than these?” #2, “Lovest thou me?” #3, “Lovest thou me?” Peter answers each question:

“Thou knowest that I love thee.” To the English-speaking eye, they seem to be the same question. There's more here than meets the eye. Something gets a bit lost in translation.

In #1, Jesus adds the comparative, “more than these?” Remember that Peter had once said, Even if everybody else abandons you, I won't on pain of death. Peter remembered the rooster, and totally didn't even respond to this part of the Lord's question. In #1, #2, Jesus asks: “agapas me?”, but Peter responds, “philo se.” What's going on here? Agapas refers to the highest form of love; it embraces the ideas of loyalty and sacrifice. Philo, Peter's answer, is simpler; it's the love of a friend; it's more like our English, “I like you.” In #3, Jesus asks, “phileis me?”, a form of the word Peter was using. No wonder “Peter was grieved” (17, KJV).

This separates the men from the boys. Do you love Him? Do you even like Him?

—Via Main Street Monitor

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon (26th)
- ⇒ Elizabeth Smith (28th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Philemon, James, and Jude
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Note:** Spring Quarter ends on Wednesday June 29!
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Walnut Grove on 7-24.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green Beans

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jude 1:3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** pistis (πίστις)

**Pronounced:** pis'-tis

**Translated** into the word we use today: **FAITH OR BELIEF**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G3982; persuasion, that is, credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly constancy in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

**Supporting verse:** James 2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Hebrews 11:6, we read that “without faith it is impossible to please Him”. If we don’t have faith, then we can’t be pleasing to God. What is faith, and why in Jude 1:3 does it tell us to “contend earnestly for the faith”? Faith is a system of belief. Believing in something because there is adequate evidence to support that. Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Our faith is in God, that He created the world, sent His Son to die for us, and will give us an eternal home with Him someday. This is what takes faith; because we have not seen God or heaven, but there is overwhelming evidence that He is. James tells us that faith and works go hand in hand. How we “prove our faith” is by doing the will of God, showing Him that we love Him. By doing God’s will, we show our faith, and we also contend for it. We don’t just lay down and play dead. We don’t let others put down God. We stand up for and spiritually fight for The Faith. There is only one faith (Eph 4:5), and we fight or contend for it. We do this by knowing God’s word and standing up for it. Is your faith seen by your actions? Are you contending for the one faith by doing God’s will and standing up for Him every chance that we have?



**Bible question:** What surname did Jesus give to James and John, and what is the meaning of it?

**Last week’s question and answer:** What mountain smoked like a furnace and quaked greatly?

**Answer:** Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:18)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams