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Subject: Re: Bulletin Board

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CONTENDING, DEFENDING, OR PRETENDING?

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3

The question I'm asking myself is this, am I (you can examine your own hearts) really contending for the faith that has been delivered unto me? Am I defending the faith, or am I just pretending? Another question that comes to my mind is this, does "The Faith Message"(the true Biblical message of faith taught from cover to cover in God's Word) need 'defending' by me or anyone else?

I conclude that while I/we should earnestly contend (as encouraged to do in God's Word, which by the way, doesn't mean to be contentious), and not allow Satan to steal what I've received, The Word of God doesn't need my defense. It has stood true since God spoke It, and will continue in It's power to save, deliver, and heal forever. The faith that has been delivered unto me has resulted in me being delivered from death unto life, from darkness into light, from a life dominated by sin and rebellion into the righteousness of Christ, from hopelessness unto assurance. The One who gave Himself for me has given me a heart to believe and trust in Him.

I'm grateful for "The Faith Message", I'm grateful for the messenger who delivered it unto me, but I'm most grateful for knowing Him, Jesus, whom the message is about, and His Love and Mercy. And to argue/defend that message with anyone who refuses to receive it only makes me feel as though I'm just pretending.

Share it, present it as instructed? Absolutely. But argue and debate word definitions without understanding that the letter killeth without The Holy Spirit to open eyes and hearts to what God is communicating to His people? No, I don't see any positive fruit coming from that.

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