

## 1-The Writer: (13-17)

- Earthly identity—brother of James [and Jesus]
- Spiritual identity—servant of Jesus Christ

*We must find our significance and authority in our spiritual relationship to Jesus Christ.*

## 2-The Readers:

- Called by God *PAST*
- Loved by [in] God the Father *PRESENT*
- Kept by Jesus Christ *FUTURE*

## 3-The Reason

- Concern—false teachers have slipped into the church
  1. They are destined for God's judgment
  2. They are godless
  3. They pervert the doctrine of grace
  4. They deny the Lordship of Christ

## 3-The Reason

- Concern—false teachers have slipped into the church
- Command—Contend for the faith
  - The faith was handed down to us once for all
  - We must contend for it—know it and defend it