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(Jude 12 & 13)

• Jude has told us to "contend earnestly for the faith (revealed body of truth)."

For many years now the battle has raged in at least six areas:

- 1. _____ birth
- 2. _____ of Jesus
- 3. _____ atonement
- 4. _____ resurrection
- 5. _____ 2nd coming of _____
- 6. _____ as the _____ of _____
- There are some spiritual criminals whose images need to be posted on the corridors of our minds so we will recognize them.
- I. _____ like a hidden reef
 - The apostate can cause a gaping wound in the side of the old ship of Zion and the love/fellowship can be in peril.
- II. _____ like a waterless cloud
 - The apostate is a pompous wind bag!
- III. _____ like a fruitless tree
 - You can do lots of things with a dead tree but the one thing you cannot do is get fruit from it.

Doubly dead? You see, there are 2 births and 2 deaths.

1 st birth is
2 nd birth is
1 st death is
2 nd death is

- Born once . . . die twice!
- Born twice ... die only once!
- IV. _____ like wild waves of the sea

(Isaiah 57:20)

- In the heart of an apostate is great turmoil
- V. _____ like a wandering star
 - Judges 5:20 speaks of the stars in their courses. They don't just wander!

(Matthew 8:12)

• Remember an apostate is not someone who lost his salvation . . . he is someone who was religious but lost. Make sure you are trusting Jesus Christ and not <u>anything</u> else!