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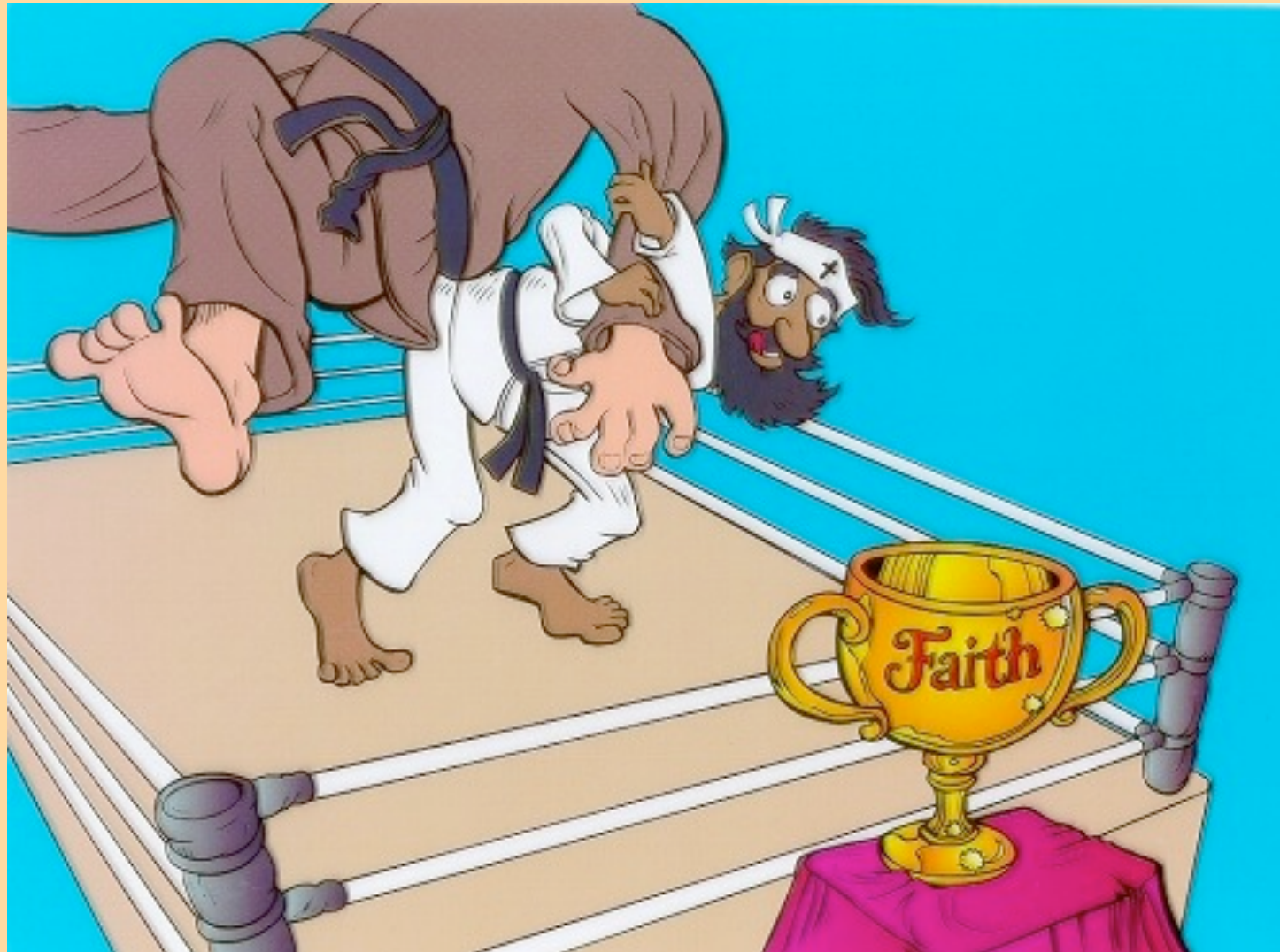
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JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

**FUNDAMENTALS: WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS?
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**ἔχω échō;
pres act ind, 1s,
“I have ...”**

**ἀνάγκη anágkē,
“compelled, necessity”
“I have a necessity, I am
under compulsion ...”**

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ἐπαγωνίζομαι;

epagōnízomai;

present active (deponent)

infinitive

Used for athletic competition;

strive, contend earnestly;

fight strongly for something

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“It was also used more generally of any conflict, contest, debate, or lawsuit. Involved is the thought of the expenditure of all one’s energy in order to prevail. Here, as often, the verb is used metaphorically to denote a spiritual conflict in which believers are engaged. According to Alford, the preposition ἐπί in the compound ‘gives the purpose for which the fight is to be waged.’ The defensive nature of the conflict is made clear by the following dative, ‘for the faith.’ ”

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πίστις *pístis*;

With article: here it refers to a specific body of doctrine; the content of what a person believes.

Contending

- 1. Internally: within our own soul**
- 2. Externally: inside the local church; outside the local church.**

Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:29, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:30, “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

FUNDAMENTALISM

- 1. Princeton Theology: Charles, A.A., Caspar Hodge; B. B. Warfield.**
- 2. Dispensationalism: John Nelson Darby; James Hall Brooks; C. I. Scofield; Dwight Moody; L.S. Chafer.**
- 3. *The Fundamentals*, 12 volumes, 1910–1915**
Inerrancy of the Bible
Literal Genesis, miracles;
Virgin birth
Bodily resurrection of Christ
Literal, future return
Substitutionary atonement

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- 4. The influence of Darwinism.**
- 5. The rise of higher criticism, which viewed the biblical texts as human documents rather than of Divine origin.**