

Study of 1-3 John

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1 John 4:1-6

Discerning
Spirits




1 John 3:22-24 - Review

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.


- ▶ What is a false prophet?
- ▶ How do we know that what we hear is authentic?
- ▶ What is the definition of spirits in this passage?
- ▶ What is the agenda of the spirits that are not of God?

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- ▶ What is the difference between denying Jesus is God and that Jesus was man?
 - ▶ Is a claim that Jesus came in the flesh enough to test the spirit?
 - ▶ How do we recognize the Spirit of God?
 - ▶ Is John proposing that we be cynical about what we hear?

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1 John 4:4-6 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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- ▶ Who are the us in this passage?
 - ▶ How do we hear the apostles?
 - ▶ How do we know if the spirit is truth?
 - ▶ What is the most powerful and productive tool Satan uses to keep people out of the Kingdom of Heaven?

1 John 4:4-6

Wrap Up

Further comments?
Closing prayer.