

## Discernment

### First John 4:1-6

John tells us we need to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits. Vs 1 *"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."*  
Matthew 24:5 *"For many will come in My name...and will deceive many."*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ their beliefs. Vs 2 *"By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,"*  
1 Cor. 12:3 *"...no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed"*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Lord? Vs 3 *"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."*

Then John:

4. \_\_\_\_\_ us. Vs 4 *"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."*
  - a. We are \_\_\_\_\_ - *"we have overcome them"*
  - b. We have \_\_\_\_\_ - *"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ our comforts. Vs 5 *"They are of the world. Therefore, they speak as of the world and the world hears them."*  
John 15:19 *"If you were of the world, the world would love its own."*

- a. They are \_\_\_\_\_. *"They are of the world."*
- b. Worldly \_\_\_\_\_. *"...they speak as of the world"*
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ by the world. *"and the world hears them."*

And finally John gives us a:

6. \_\_\_\_\_ revealed. Vs 6 *"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."*

1 Cor. 2:12-16

- a. We are not of this \_\_\_\_\_. *"We are of God"*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed. *"He who knows God hears us"*
- c. Unbelievers will \_\_\_\_\_ us. *"he who is not of God does not hear us"*
- d. We have \_\_\_\_\_ error. *"we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error"*