

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Round 4: Overcoming Lies”

“Overcomer – Beating Your Enemy to the Punch” – Pt. 4

1 John 4:1-6 & Selected

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

Lies Come in All Shapes and Sizes...

I. But the most dangerous lies are spiritual lies!

“Beloved do not believe every spirit.” Vs. 1a

Jesus said, *“Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”* John 8:43-44

- **Spiritual lies originate from Satan.**
- **Spiritual lies mix truth with error.**
- **Spiritual lies are meant to crush your spirit.**
- **Spiritual lies are meant to render you worthless in battle.**
- **Spiritual lies are meant to steal Heaven from you.**

II. But are always overcome by truth from God!

“Beloved do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” Vs. 1

3 Questions for Testing the Spirits to Determine Truth:

1. Is the divine Jesus confessed?

“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.” Vs. 2-3

2. Is the divine life offered by Jesus possessed?

“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” Vs. 4

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” Romans 8:16

3. Are the divine truths taught by Jesus professed?

“They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” Vs. 5-6

“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes fit for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” Ephesians 6:14-17

“And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” Revelation 12:11 KJV

Round 4 Knockout Punch:

I will block the lies Satan throws at me and hit back hard with God’s Holy Truth!