



FIRST BAPTIST

How to Recognize Truth *The Essence and Assurance of Our Faith*

1 John Sermon Series

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1. Truth maintains a holy _____ (v. 1)

*We are responsible to test what we _____ against what the Bible _____

2. Truth insists on faithfulness on the _____ (v. 2-3)

3. Truth trusts God's _____ to resist error (v. 4)

4. Truth begins by _____ God (v. 5-6)

*A person in tune with God will _____ false teaching and _____ to truth

1 John 4:1-6 ESV – ¹ 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. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ 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.