

Heroes of Faith 8: John


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“Whoever has ears, let them hear **what the Spirit** says to the churches...” - **Revelation 2:7** (Also ref Rev 2:11, 17, 29; Rev 3:6, 13, 22)

John is the greatest proponent of “the spiritual”.

I. John Establishes The Spiritual As Reality

 John possibly wrote to correct a heresy; In _____ time, people believed that the _____ was bad

John 1:14 (NIV) **14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...

1 John 1:1 (NIV) **1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

1 John 5:6 (NIV) **6** This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood...

1 John 4:2-3 (NIV) **2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God...

 In _____ time, people believe there is no _____


John answers all problems by saying reality is material and spiritual.


II. John Introduces The Spiritual Invasion

John 14:16-17 (NIV) **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.


John 1:1-2 (NIV) **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:12-13 (NIV) **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.


 Three spiritual persons operating in the physical world - Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and _____

 John presents these three spiritual persons *invading* the physical or *infusing* the physical

III. John Illustrates Spirituality

 *Spirituality* is the pursuit of the spiritual - doing spiritual things for a spiritual reason or benefit


Revelation 1:10 (NIV) **10** On the Lord's Day I was **in the Spirit**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

 “In” makes this locative of sphere - it describes entering into and remaining inside something

John 3:5 (NIV) **5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Mark 1:15 (NIV) **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”


Mark 12:34 (NIV) **34** When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”...


 It is not just the spiritual coming into us but also us coming into the spiritual

IV. John Encourages The Ultimate Spiritual Practice

John 13:34-35 (NIV) **34** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4:7 (NIV) **7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God...

 New Testament love is intelligent goodwill - recognizing the _____ in every person

 Real New Testament love is _____

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