

1 John 4:1-6

¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 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. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.



Exclusivity

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DEALING WITH RELIGIOUS DIVISIVENESS

- To try and _____ religion.
- Confine religion to the _____ realm.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

- Religion is a set of _____ to life's big _____.

THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRISTIANITY

1. Think about the _____ of Jesus' salvation.
 - Jesus is _____, not just _____.
2. Think about the _____ of Jesus' salvation:
 - The _____ of God's redeemed _____ and his _____ world.
3. Consider the method of _____.
 - Jesus is a savior who lives the _____ we should have lived and dies the _____ we should have died, in our _____.

SONGS

Rejoice

Verse 1

Come and stand
before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who
holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Chorus 1

Rejoice
Come and lift your hands
and raise your voice
He is worthy of all praise

Rejoice
Sing the mercies of your king
And with trembling rejoice

Verse 2

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go

Verse 3

All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle

So take heart and stand amazed

Chorus 2

Rejoice
When you cry to him he hears
your voice
He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice
In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing

CCLI Song # 7004663

Nothing But The Blood

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus:

Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2:

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3:

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4:

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CCLI Song # 21332

The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1

When I survey
the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head
His hands His feet
Sorrow and love
flow mingled down
Did e'er such love
and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose
so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature
mine That were an offering far too
small Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

CCLI Song # 3148435

O Praise The Name

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me

I see His wounds
His hands His feet
My Savior on
that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound
and drenched in tears
They laid Him down
in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed
by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name
of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death
where is your sting?
The angels roar
for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun
shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

CCLI Song # 7037787

PRAYER

Colossians 1:15-23