Revelation 13:11–18 "The Mark of the Beast"

Main Point: We need to be able to distinguish God's truth from Satan's counterfeits.

I. Satan counterfeits the Holy Spirit through false teachers (vv. 11–12).

Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

II. The false prophet deceives people into idolatry, then attacks Christians who refuse to join in (vv. 13–15).

Mark 13:22, "For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect." 1 John 2:18, "Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour."

Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

III. We are called to be wise in the Word of God (vv. 16–18).