

TEST OF THE SPIRITS

*1 John 4:1-6
Fellowship With God, Part 7
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I) THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY (1 John 4:1)

- 1) We must NOT BELIEVE every spirit.
- 2) We must TEST every Spirit. (Matthew 7:15)

II) THE BELIEVER'S CONFESSION (1 John 4:2-3)

- 1) The FALSE confession (Mark 1:21-28)
- 2) The TRUE confession (John 20:24-29)
 - ✓ Doctrinal truth: Jesus was 100% GOD and 100% MAN. (John 1:1, 14, 18)
 - ✓ Dispositional reality: A humility to accept the AUTHORITY of Jesus. (Deut. 29:4, Acts 16:14)

III) THE BELIEVER'S PROTECTION (1 John 4:4)

- 1) We are "LITTLE CHILDREN" with God's Spirit.
- 2) The Spirit in YOU is greater than the spirit in the world. (Romans 8:12)

IV) THE BELIEVER'S CONTRAST (1 John 4:5-6)

- 1) They SPEAK like the world (Matthew 12:24) and the world HEARS them. (v. 5, 1 John 1:3)
- 2) Believers speak a common language of FELLOWSHIP with God. (v. 6, 1 John 1:3)

I John: Fellowship with God

The Foundations of Fellowship		The Functions of Fellowship	
The Conditions of Fellowship	The Cautions of Fellowship	The Character of Fellowship	The Confidence of Fellowship
How to Know You Have Fellowship: Joy Walking in the Light Forgiveness	What to Avoid to Have Fellowship: Worldliness Antichrists Walking Away	What True Fellowship Looks Like: Righteousness Love Discernment	What True Fellowship Does: Overcomes Assures Secures
1:1–2:14	2:15-2:27	2:28-4:21	5:1-5:21

God is Life Light Love

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