

In the last chapter, we learned we are sons and daughters of the Most High God when born again into His family and are brothers and sisters in Christ with such a strong bond of love that we are a testimony to the entire world, **sinless** in God's eyes because of the image of Jesus Christ in us (*motivating us practically to sin less*). These truths bring us _____ toward God in the way that we feel, pray, and live knowing assuredly that God's Holy Spirit abides in us. This confidence is necessary as today we see the reality of the spirit world we navigate in this world as God's true Body of Christ (Matt. 10:16).

THE SPIRIT WORLD – 1 John 4:1-6

1. The Spirit of God vs. spirits in this World – v. 1-3

- Oversimplified, there are three main varieties of spirits in this world – v. 1a.

1) *The Spirit of God* (v. 2; 3:24; Rom. 8:9, 16) =

2) _____ *spirit with/without God* (1 Cor. 2:1, 4, 11) =

3) _____ */clean spirits* (Ps. 104:4; Lev. 19:31; Is. 8:19; Matt. 10:1, 12:43; Rev. 16:13) =

- Evil/unclean spirits are behind most of the false doctrines/religions, idols, and _____ teachers we see – v. 1b; Deut. 32:16-17; 1 Cor. 10:19-21; Eph. 6:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1-2; Rev. 9:20, 18:23.

Jannes and Jambres (Ex. 7:11-8:19; 2 Tim. 3:8-9) =

Baalim (Num. 22-24; 2 Pet. 2:15-16) =

Barjesus (Acts 13:6-12) =

- We are to put the spirits on trial through the litmus test of oral _____ of the gospel alone for salvation – v. 2-3; 2 John 7; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 12:2-3, 8-10 (Mark 9:38-40); Job 12:11; Gal. 1:6-9, 3:1; Rev. 2:1-2; Pr. 14:15.
- All false prophets/teachers in this world are against Jesus Christ and His gospel and will culminate in **that** _____ of Antichrist, the coming False Prophet – v. 3; Rev. 13:11-17, 16:13, 19:20, 20:10.

2. Overcoming through the Spirit of God – v. 4

- Even spiritually born again "little children" of God can see and _____ these spiritual forces – 1 John 5:4; Lk. 19:13; 1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9.

Greater is _____ *that is in you, than he that is in the world* (Eph. 2:2, 4-7) =

3. The Spirit of Truth and Error – v. 5-6

- This world generally entertains all spirits (*spirit of error*) _____ God's Spirit (*spirit of truth*) – v. 5; John 14:17; 15:19, 26; 16:8-11, 13; 17:9-16; Acts 7:51; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; 2 Pet. 2:18, 3:17; Jude 1:11.

Cain and Abel (3:12; Heb. 11:4) =

- We can _____ and discern all spiritual truth and error that is in in this world – Lev. 10:10; Pr. 23:23; John 17:17; Eph. 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; Job 26:3.