

1 John 4 :1-13

4 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. 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

1. Test the Spirit
2. False prophets
 - a. The spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God
 - b. Every spirit that does not acknowledge is not from God... this is the spirit of antichrist
3. We are overcomers because the one in us is greater than then one in the world
4. The ones from the world
 - a. Speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens
5. We are from God
 - a. Those that are from God listen to us
 - b. Those not of God do not listen to us
 - c. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth/falsehood
6. Let us love one another for love comes from God
 - a. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God
 - b. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love
7. God showed his love by sending his one and only Son into the world that might live through him
8. This is love
 - a. Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
9. Since God so loved us we ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us
10. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit