

1 John Lesson 73 Outline
“Discernment” 1 John 4:1-6
“Exhibiting Perfect Love” 1 John 4:7-12
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First, John commands that we are to test the spirits we are confronted with.

Secondly, John said that the way to test people is to test people’s confession about the divinity of the Lord.

The Bible says that wherever Jesus is not _____, you cannot know God.

Anybody that attacks the truth about Christ is antichrist.

True believers have _____ of the _____.

In the incarnation, God becomes a partaker of human nature. In regeneration, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature.

_____ provides then a devotion to the truth, an understanding of the truth.

When you hear somebody teaching something, and you say to yourself, “That is not right”, that’s the Spirit of God, the Truth of God kicking in and acting in a discerning fashion on your behalf.

Thirdly, there is a _____ of the _____.

When you bring the Law of God to bear upon them, do they respond to it?

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If they possess the Holy Spirit, they will.

Those who believe the Truth are a small part of the population of the world.

Sinners have _____ for demons, seducing spirits, hypocritical lies because they have no apparatus with which to understand the Truth.

Obviously the more we know about Christ, the more we have seen the fruit of righteousness, and the more of the Word of God we know, the better able we are to exercise these tests.

There is a battle that has to be fought with all our might to guard the truth for the next generation, as well as this one.

“Exhibiting Perfect Love”

Being made in God’s image is not physical. It has to do with the _____ part of us.

Man was created for inter-personal relationships.

Scriptures Cited: Rom. 10:9, 1 John 2:18, 22, 20-21, 24, 27, 19; 1 Cor. 2; Jude 2-3, 4; 1 John 1:4, 1 John 4; Gen. 1:26; 1 Cor. 11:7