

That You May Know (A Study of 1st John) How Do You Know It's From God? (1 John 4:1-3)

1 John 4:1-6—Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

- Ephesians 4:14—¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

1. **Do Not Believe Everything You Hear!**

- 1 John 4:1—Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2. **If It's From God: Jesus Will Be Presented Truthfully/Faithfully!**

- 1 John 4:2—By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

3. **If It's Not From God: Jesus In Some Way Will Be Denied!**

- 1 John 4:3—and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.