

STUDY PACK 8

I JOHN 4

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (prove) the spirits whether they are of God. A few years ago that sounded rather spooky, but we have moved from the time when the super natural was ridiculed, especially among the intelligentsia, to a day when Satan has become _____ and is now _____.”
~~ J. Vernon McGee, *Through the Bible*, p. 800 ~~

I. TRY THE SPIRITS, VS. 1-3

- A. This passage reveals where false religion comes from. False religion comes from _____ to _____ to _____ to _____.
- B. There are _____ false spirits, there are _____ false prophets.
- C. God has given a clear test of false spirits; what do they teach about Jesus Christ!
- D. There are many, many examples of this principle:
Joseph Smith
Mohammed
Charles Taze Russell
Mary Baker Eddy
Victor Paul Wierwille
- E. Any spirit that denies the full deity of Christ is the _____!
- F. The Antichrist is coming at an appointed time but the _____ and many _____ are already here.

II. GOOD GOOD NEWS, V. 4

- A. The Holy Spirit indwells us.
- B. The Holy Spirit is greater than any demonic power.
- C. Faith makes you a child of God, being a child of God allows you to overcome plans of Satan!

III. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR, VS. 5-6

- A. The world longs to hear a message based upon _____. This justifies their selfishness.

- B. The people of God long to hear a message that stirs _____.
- C. We can recognize the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

IV. GOD IS LOVE

- A. Love is not God.
- B. God is love, v. 8, v. 16.
- C. If we are in fellowship with God, _____, v. 8.
- D. The ultimate example of love is the love that God demonstrated when He sent Christ _____, vs. 9-10.
- E. The example of God sending Christ to be the propitiation for our sin should _____, v.11.
- F. If we love one another it gives us assurance that we are children of God, vs. 12-13.
- G. The fact that the Holy Spirit works in our heart is _____.
- H. Salvation is found in _____, vs. 14-15.
- I. We can experience and know the love of God, v. 16.
- J. We can face the day of judgment (the Judgment Seat of Christ) with boldness because we know God is at work in our life. We are His children.
- K. Love is the opposite of _____!
 1. When we love God that love makes it possible for us to serve Him without fear, v.18; 2 Timothy 1:7.
 2. Our love for Him is simply a response to the love He has _____, v. 19.
 3. Our love for God is seen in _____, vs. 20-21.