

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts
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1John 4:1-6
Test the Spirits

- I. The test of the spirits.
 - A. Testing means examining and certifying.
 - B. There are many misleading tricks that can trap people.
Matthew 24:24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-14; Revelation 2:2.
 - C. Test and certify the spirits.
1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21.

- II. The source of the spirits.
 - A. Consistency with the word of God is required.
Genesis 3:1; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; John 10:4-5; Matthew 7:15-16.
 - B. Two sources: God or antichrist.
Revelation 16:13-14.
 - C. The church has overcome!
John 16:33; Revelation 21:7.

- III. The message of the spirits.
 - A. The right source gives the true message.
 - B. The message is Jesus.
1John 1:1-2; 2:22; 3:5. 16.
 - C. The Holy Spirit testifies that this is the true message from God.
Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35; John 15:26; John 16:13-15.
 - D. And this is the message of God to the world.
1John 1:1-3.