

# Twelve Truths for Testing the Spirits

1 John 4:1-6

1. v. 1, John states there are multiple spirits.
2. v. 1, John states there are good and evil spirits; angels, demons, and the Holy Spirit.
3. v. 1, John states there is a way to test the spirits to identify them.
4. v. 1, Testing spirits is necessary because of the number of false prophets deceiving people.
5. v. 2, The test for the Holy Spirit is confession that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.
6. v. 3, The test for evil spirits is there is no confessing Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.
7. v. 3, An anti-Christ spirit was prophesied to come into the world after Jesus, and it did.
8. v. 4, Those who are of God, have God within them. This is a victory over evil spirits and Satan.
9. v. 5, Evil spirits exalt worldliness to the world and the world listens to them.
10. v. 6, Those who know God listen to those who have God in them.
11. v. 6, Those who are not of God do not listen to those who are of God.
12. v. 6, Knowing and having God, enables one to know the spirit of truth from the spirit of error.

## Supporting Spirit Scriptures

Rom. 8:5-9

*For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

Eph. 2:18, 22

*18 For through him (Christ), we both (saints from Israel and saints from Gentiles) have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

Eph. 3:16

*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

Gal. 3:1-3

*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*

1 Cor. 12:3

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*