

A Walk Through 1 John: Testing the Spirits

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Because there are many Spirits in the world, we must learn to them (see [1 John 4:1a](#))

In this world, there will be a of false teachers (see [1 John 4:1b](#); [2:16-23](#); [Matthew 7:15](#); [2 Timothy 4:3-4](#); [Jude 1:4](#))

The Communication of God points to the of God (see [1 John 4:2](#))

To "Confess" means not only to profess Orthodox faith, but also to

good works which accompany faith. (see [James 2:14-26](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [Matthew 5:16](#))

When Jesus lives and reigns in you, you are an overcomer not by your but by his (see [1 John 4:4](#))

Our to God's Kingdom affects how we hear and how we speak (see [1 John 4:5-6](#); [John 15:19](#))

Good rule of thumb for testing the spirits:

- Did Jesus it?
- Did the early church it?
- Does the New Testament it?

My Notes: