



## *By This We Know...*

A Study of John's First Epistle | 1 John 4:1-6

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## **Test the Spirits**

**The Main Point:** The apostolic testimony concerning Jesus, interpreted by the Spirit-indwelt church, is the final authority for determining spiritual truth.

- Test the spirits (vs. 1)
- Knowing the Spirit of God vs. the spirit of antichrist (vss. 2-3)
- Overcomers (v. 4)
- A tale of two tongues (v. 5-6)
  - Summary

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## Practicing the Truth

### Discerning the spirits

- ▶ General call vs. specific gifting
- ▶ Three spirit-identifying questions
  - A final authority question
  - A practical goal question
  - A fruitfulness question