

B. The **Communication** Test (vs 5-6).

Examine what they communicate about the Bible:

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” II Timothy 3:16

“2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” II Timothy 4:2-4

“But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:” Titus 2:1

“14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”

Ephesians 4:14-15

IV. THE **POWER** FOR DISCERNMENT (4:4)

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37

OVERCOME ~ I JOHN

Overcome False Teaching

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INTRODUCTION

A. God has called His children to overcome. We can and should live victorious over the difficulties in this world.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

I John 5:4

B. The book of I John is a game plan for victory. In this series you will discover how to overcome many difficulties in your life.

May 8	Overcome Sin
May 15	Overcome Hypocrisy
May 22	Overcome Deception
May 29	Overcome Impurity
June 5	Overcome Division
TODAY	Overcome False Teaching
June 19	Overcome Fear
June 26	Overcome Defeat

Come and apply these messages and develop a victorious game plan.

C. **TEXT:** I John 4:1-6 (Pew Bible/Pg.1197/New Test.)

Overcome False Teaching And Experience Victory

HOW TO OVERCOME FALSE TEACHING

I. THE **COMMAND** FOR DISCERNMENT (4:1a)

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11

“11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, ...”

Hebrews 5:11-6:1a

II. THE **REASON** FOR DISCERNMENT (4:1b)

“15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7:15-16a

“29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”
Acts 20:29-30

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”

II Peter 2:1

III. THE **TESTS** FOR DISCERNMENT (4:2-3; 5-6)

A. The **Confession** Test (vs 2-3).

Examine what they confess about Christ:

- The **Diety** Of Christ

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;”
Colossians 2:9

- The **Virgin Birth** Of Christ

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”
which is translated, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23

- The **Sinless Nature** Of Christ

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Hebrews 4:15

- The **Sacrificial Death** Of Christ

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”
I Peter 2:24

- The **Bodily Resurrection** Of Christ

“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

Matthew 28:6

- The One And Only **Way** To Heaven!!

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12