

"Test the Spirits: Do They Proclaim Jesus Christ?" 1 John 4:1-6

I. Powerful spiritual experiences are not _____

without truth—even the Holy Spirit of God submits to verification by truth (4:1).

1 John 3:10

a. Many false prophets have gone into the world who

are _____ at some level, perhaps that of _____ and _____

(4:1b).

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

b. The validating test of the Spirit of God is a

forthright declaration about Jesus Christ: That the

_____ came in the _____

(4:2-3).

II. The next three verses begin with three _____

(in the original language)—"you," "they," and "we" (4:3-4).

a. "You" are from God and have already overcome the antichrists in the world (4:4).

b. "They" have a huge audience in the world because

the world ______ its own (4:5).

1 John 2:19-22

c. "We" (either the apostle writing together with his company or inclusive of the apostle and his readers) are from God and thus expect wide-scale

_____ by the world as only those who

are from God ______ our message (4:6).

Luke 12:8-9; 1 Peter 3:15-16