

Bible Study Series: 1 John – Living As His Light (lesson 9)

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We all aim to Follow Jesus!

He is leading us!

He is showing us how to live!

He is showing us how to advance the Kingdom of God!

Condition of the America Church:

- Christians today are on both sides of every issue related to morality
- Christians today are more loyal to a political/national agenda than to Scripture
- Christians today are convinced that they are right and others are basically well-meaning but wrong

John warns against false spirits and false prophets. This warning is a very needed message for the Church today than what we come to today!

_____ is rooted in redefining WHO Jesus is.

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.** This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.” 1 John 4:1-3

Bottomline: Understanding “Who Jesus is” remains of paramount importance to following well!

John’s answer is to acknowledge the presence & power of the _____ and _____!

“**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.** ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶**We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us;** but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.” 1 John 4:4-6

Christ-Followers can veer away from Jesus when we follow an _____!

Conclusion:

We need to commit to 2 great encouraging ideals today:

- The Spirit of God in me is greater than anything I will encounter in my journey for Jesus!
- Truth can be known if I commit myself to seeking the Real Jesus!