

Cycle Two: Right Belief

Love, John

1 John 4:1-6

Verse: 1 John 4:4

Homework: 1 John 1-4

Review:

- Right Thinking – Correct belief about Jesus
- Right Loving – Love one another
- Right Living – Becoming who you are in Christ

Right Belief: The Doctrinal Test

- Warning about False Prophets 1-3
 - Do not believe every spirit – “Stop believing...”
 - False Prophets in NT
 - Matt 7:15; Mark 13:22-23; Acts 20:28-30; 2 Peter 2:1
 - The test: Check the message of the speaker!
 - To test = to prove, examine – it is something that should be done on a continual basis.
 - Those who acknowledge Jesus are from God.
 - Jesus Christ (1:3; 2:1; 3:23; 4:2; 5:6, 20; 2 John 3, 7).
 - The fundamental Christian doctrine that cannot be compromised concerns the divine-human person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!
 - Those who don’t acknowledge Jesus are not from God.
 - See Deut. 18:22; Deut. 13:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:1-3; 1 Cor. 14:29
 - The Outcome: We are the champions! 4-6
 - Us vs. Them!
 - The difference: The Holy Spirit in us!
 - Origins! Note the difference:
 - The world, the world, the world...
 - God, God, God...
 - The Final Word: Who are you listening to?

Key:

- Testing... Testing... Testing...

Application:

- Do you believe everything you hear?
 - What is your source?