

1 John Lesson 72 Outline
“Discernment” 1 John 4:1-6
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John gives us criteria by which we can discern the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of error.

First, we are to _____. Don't believe every spirit is the Holy Spirit.

This should be a continuing practice of every believer, putting everything to the test against the _____.

The need for this is because Satan wants to be _____ with the Christian church.

People [the church] don't want to discern today because they don't want to say anybody's wrong.

Next is the means or the way to test and the first test is the _____ of the divine _____.

Demons will inevitably deny the deity of Jesus Christ.

To do this is to also deny _____ doctrine as well.

Jesus Christ emanates from God as the very living Word of God.

Jesus has come in the flesh in order that He might come as man to be the substitute to die as man for men.

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John is saying God has commanded us to embrace His Son; that is, the one who shares the same essence with Him, embracing Him, Jesus Christ, as our Lord, that is His supreme _____.

The other element of this comes out of Romans 10:9, “if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus”. It is absolutely critical that one confess Jesus as Lord.

If you reject Jesus as God in human flesh, you reject Jesus as the God-Man, fully God, fully man.

The _____ heresy states that Christ just came down and temporarily went into some man, stayed there for a while and then left.

Even his name, Jesus Christ, is full of meaning. Jesus, Greek form of Joshua, means Jehovah saves. Christ means the Anointed One, the King, Messiah.

Scriptures Cited: 1 Thess. 5:20, 21-22; Matt. 7:15; Mark 13:22-23, Matt.7; 1 John 1:1, 2, 3, 2, 2:1, 2, 22-23, 3:22, 23, 5:6, 20; 2 John 3, 7, 9; Rom. 10:9; Luke 10:16; John 14:6, 8:42; 1 John 2:23