**"THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN"**

**Chapter Four**

John cautions his readers not to believe everyone who claims to be led

by the Spirit, but to test them (**1-6**). He then exhorts them to manifest

brotherly love in keeping with the character and example of God’s love

as demonstrated in the sacrifice of His Son (**7-21**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

\* Distinguishing the spirit of truth from the spirit of error

\* How God’s love should impact our love for one another

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

**1) What are the main points of this chapter?**

- Test the spirits - [**1Jn 4:1-6**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Jn%204.1-6)

- God is love - [**1Jn 4:7-21**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Jn%204.7-21)

**2) Why should one not believe every spirit? (1)**

- Because there are many false prophets

**3) If one is truly led by the Spirit of God, what will they confess? (2)**

- That Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

**4) What did John say about the coming of Antichrist? (3)**

- It was already in the world at the time John was writing

**5) What did John write about their ability to overcome? (4)**

- He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world

**6) How does one discern between the spirit of truth and the spirit of**

**error? (6)**

- By whoever listens to the apostles (cf. [**1Co 14:37**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Co%2014.37)**;** [**1Th 2:13**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Th%202.13))

**7) Why should we love one another? (7-8)**

- Love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God

**8) How was God’s love for us manifested? (9-10)**

- By sending His Son into the world to be the propitiation for our

sins

**9) How can we ensure that God will abide in us? (12-16)**

- By loving one another

**10) When we love one another as we should, what does it give us? (17-18)**

- Boldness in the day of judgment; i.e., no fear

**11) If we claim to love God, but hate our brother, what does that make**

**us? Why? (20)**

- Liars; if we do not love someone we’ve seen, how can we love Him

we’ve not seen?