

“Testing the Spirits and Learning about Love”

I John 4:1-21

- I. We should test the spirits to see if they are from God (v. 1-3)
 - A. There are false spirits in the world who desire to _____
 - B. We should not be fooled by the _____
 - C. We can know if a spirit is from _____
 - D. The confession of Jesus as _____ is the test
 - E. The spirit that does not confess Jesus as God is a _____
- II. We can live with confidence (v. 4-6)
 - A. We can overcome the forces of _____
 - B. We can overcome because _____
 - C. We can overcome because Jesus is more _____
 - D. The false spirits speak from a _____ perspective
 - E. We speak from a _____ perspective
- III. We are called to love each other (v. 7-8)
 - A. The nature of God is _____
 - B. The source of love is _____
 - C. True children of God share the _____
- IV. God showed his love to us by sending Jesus (v. 9-10)
 - A. Jesus came to give us _____
 - B. Loving others makes God's love _____
- V. God's love gives us confidence (v. 13-16)
 - A. We have confidence because of the presence of _____
 - B. We have confidence because we believe Jesus is the _____

C. We have confidence because we know Jesus is the _____

“Jesus said, ‘Who do you say that I am?’. Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’
(Matthew 16:15-16)

D. We have confidence because trust in the _____

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.” (Ephesians 3:17-21)

VI. Loving others gives us confidence in the judgment (v. 17-21)

A. As we love others we become more _____

B. As we experience God’s love we find _____

C. Our love for God must lead to _____

“This is my command: Love each other.” (John 15:17)