

1 John Pt. 12

So You May Know You Believe

Believers _____ the _____ by
acknowledging _____ and listening to the Word.

1 John 4:1-6 (NIV)

¹ 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.

² This 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ They 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.

How to test the spirits with the Word:

1. To test the spirits, look to see _____ the Word of God
is _____. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Psalm 78:1

2. To test the spirits, look to see _____ the Word of God
is _____. Psalm 46:6; Job 40:9; Psalm 29:3-9, 33:6, 138:2; John 1:1-14.

Martin Luther

To me, the Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.

3. To test the spirits, look to see if the Word of God is the

_____.
2 Peter 1:17-21; Jeremiah 23:25-36; Hebrews 1:1-3.

Spurgeon:

I have little confidence in those persons who speak of having received direct revelations from the Lord, as though he appeared otherwise than by and through the gospel. His word is so full, so perfect, that for God to make any fresh revelation to you or me is quite needless. To do so would be to put a dishonor upon the perfection of that word.

4. To test the spirits, look to see if there are any _____

or _____ to the Word of God. **Revelation 22:18-19.**

5. To test the spirits, look to see if there are

_____ to the Word of God.
Jeremiah 15:16; Revelations 10:10.