



MESSAGE NOTES

Discernment, God's Love, and Fearless Faith

1 John 4

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1. Test the Spirits (Verses 1-6)

1 John 4:1 “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.”

John warns believers to test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2. God is Love (Verses 7-21)

1 John 4:7-8 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Loving one another is a reflection of God's love in us.

3. Perfect Love Casts Out Fear (Verses 17-19)

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

As believers, we are reassured that if we abide in love, we abide in God, and God in us. This should give us confidence and not fear when the day of judgment comes.

Application Points:

1. Regularly evaluate what you hear and learn, making sure it aligns with the Bible.
2. Look for opportunities to show God's love to those around you, whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or forgiveness.
3. When faced with fear or anxiety, remind yourself of God's perfect love and let it bring you peace and confidence.