

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but Try The Spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:" 1 John 4:1-2 KJV



Believers are the windsocks of Truth. To admit Jesus is your Saviour, you must first admit your unworthiness and sin. You must believe God's Word and forsake, repent of your sin by obeying God instead of your carnal lust. One must believe that Jesus IS God and that He is the Deliverer of the human race from sin and death for "whosoever will

come." Notice the lower-case "s" of the first two "spirits" in our text. These refer to the spirits of men. A dead spirit is not inert; just separated from God who is Life. The Holy Spirit (uppercase), who is God, resurrects, makes living, the spirits of the men who obey and love God by virtue of God's Word's directing their thoughts and deeds. We are to evaluate men's spirits by their words and deeds. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth (admits) that Jesus Christ (God) is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." Even Islam, the most anti-Christian religion in the world, says the historical Christ was a prophet or a good man, but stop short of proclaiming His Deity; equating Jesus with Muhammad, but denying He is God's Son: God made flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD. And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth." Mormonism teaches Jesus and Lucifer are siblings. Eastern religions rarely acknowledge Him. Some religions claim that He is God, but their religious practices revere another in His place, celebrating His death more than His Everlasting Life, and are deceived into worshipping Satan thinking they worship God. The list continues. Unless the spirit of a man confesses with the Apostle Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," then, whatever his claim, he is a false prophet, and his spirit is anti-Christ who is the very God! Jesus told us plainly those who confess His Deity are "Blessed among men...for flesh and blood hath not revealed it, but my Father which is in heaven." Expose the lies of false spirits, challenging them with Truth. Don't be intimidated by threats of harm from Godless cretins who would just as soon crucify you as give ear to Truth. Satan's preachers are not one bit timid or withdrawn. Evaluate men's spirits by comparing their words to God's Word. "Try the spirits whether they are of God." Believers are to cast "down imaginations, and EVERY high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God...bringing into captivity EVERY thought to the obedience of Christ." You can't "cast down" lies if you don't know Truth. Read, meditate, know God's Word and "pray without ceasing."

Listen well to words men speak,
And for whose praise they with them seek,
If they do not the Truth uphold,
Flee not, rebuke, let Truth unfold! –CGP

"Speak the Truth in Love" and don't be surprised if you're hated for it. Jesus said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own." If the world is your friend, God is not!

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts (thoughts and emotions): and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the Will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." 1 Peter 3:15-17 KJV