

DISCERNING THE SPIRITS

(3:24) WE KNOW BECAUSE HIS SPIRIT ABIDES IN US?

(1 COR 12:10) "DISCERNING OF SPIRITS" IS ONE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFTS -

(1 COR 6:17) IT IS THROUGH ^{THE SPIRIT} THAT WE ARE JOINED UNTO THE LORD. AS ONE SPIRIT - SAME "DNA"

"WHICH IS"

① DIVINE LIFE, "FELLOWSHIP WITH"

② DIVINE SEED, DIVINE LIFE ABIDING (3:9) "SPIRIT BORN IN US"

IN (VS 6) WE CAN KNOW ---

- THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH --- AND
- THE SPIRIT OF ERROR -

"THE STRUGGLE IS A SPIRITUAL ONE" ----

(EPL 6:12) SAY IT'S BETWEEN "GOOD & EVIL"

(ACT 17:11) SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE DAILY -

WEATHER THESE THINGS ARE SO -

"SO"

- (THE SPIRIT LEADS INTO ALL TRUTH)

BUT... REASONING PROCESS ALONE (15)
(NOT THE IDENTIFIABLE PROCESS ALONE -
-- JOHN SAYS -- THE IDENTIFICATION IS BY
THE SPIRIT -- "TEST THE SPIRIT?"

PROVE OR TEST - (161)

-- "THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH" -- "SPIRIT OF ERROR"

"JESUS SAID": "THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD GUIDE
US INTO ALL TRUTH AND TEACH US ALL
THINGS" -- THIS HE IS CALLED:
THE "SPIRIT OF TRUTH" -

"THE SPIRIT OF ERROR" IS FROM THE DEVIL
(EPH 6:12) "AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESSES"
WE "WRESTLE WITH"

JESUS TRAINED THE DISCIPLES FOR A
"SPIRITUAL BATTLE" -- TODAY --

IN MOST CASES -- THE TRAINING HAS
TURNED INTO A:

- ① INTELLECTUAL BATTLE - "OR"
- ② A REFORM BATTLE - "OR"
- ③ AN ECCLESIASTICAL BATTLE -
CHURCH AS INSTITUTIONAL, CLERGICAL
TRAINING & TEACHING -- NECESSARY
NO BAP

"BUT" NOT TRAINING FOR SPIRITUAL
"DISCERNING"

"JOHN SAYS" (VS 2) TRUTH IS IDENTIFIED
ERROR IS IDENTIFIED --

AS CHRIST IS COME IN FLESH OR NOT --

HE PRESENTS 3 GROUPS HERE :

I) THE FALSE PROPHETS - (1, 5)

THEY ARE OF THE WORLD }
THEY SPEAK OF THE WORLD } (5)

(II PETER 2:1) - BUT THERE ARE FALSE
PROPHETS AMONG THE PEOPLE, EVEN
AS THERE BE FALSE PROPHETS AMONG YOU

(MAT 24:11) JESUS SAYS, "THERE WILL BE
FALSE PROPHETS WHO WILL SEEK TO
DECEIVE MANY"

JOHN SAYS: TRY THE SPIRIT -- IN
3 WAYS -

(A) CONTENT - (3)

"JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH"
- I COR 2:1-8 -

(1) HUMILITY - (1-2)

"JESUS CHRIST" =

"THE EMBODIMENT OF GOD"

THE "CRUCIFIED ONE" -

THE SUBJECT, CENTER, CONTENT
OF PAUL'S MESSAGE - - PREACHED

"HUMBLE BEFORE THEM"

② HUMANLY - (3-5)

"WEAKNESS & TREMBLING"
(WITH)

SPIRIT & POWER DEMONSTRATED

TO "STABILIZE YOUR FAITH"
IN GOD'S POWER

③ HONOR - (7)

"GOD'S WISDOM"

④ CONGENIALITY - (5)

"WITH THE WORLD" "THEIR THEME"

① THEIR WAYS ARE OF THE WORLD - (5a)

② THEIR WORDS ARE OF THE WORLD - (5b)

⑤ CHARACTER - "CONFESS NOT TENDS"

WHAT KIND OF LIFE - DO THEY LIVE?

WORLDLY (JUDE 4) SAYS:

WINGED MEN, WHO TURN THE "GRACE
OF GOD" INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS -

① THEIR FOLLOWERS -

- ALWAYS SEEKING WORLDLY GOODS -

② THEIR FALLACY -

- ALWAYS LIVING WORLDLY STANDARDS -

II] THE FAITHFUL PREACHERS - (vs 6)

(vs 2) "EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESS THAT
"JESUS CHRIST" IS COME IN FLESH"

(vs 6) "WE ARE OF GOD"

③ THEIR MESSAGE - "JESUS CHRIST"

(JOHN 14:6) THE "WAY", "TRUTH", "LIFE"

① THE WAY - (UNTO SALVATION)

"THE DOOR ... OF THE SHEEP"

"SHEEP" - "THOSE WILLING TO HUMBLE

THEMSELVES & PASS THROUGH THE DOOR ...

WHO IS "JESUS" - - - -

"JESUS"

IS THE "STRAIT GATE" + "NARROW WAY" -

"THE WAY" IS NOT A FORMULA ... A DOCTRINE
OR RELIGION ... IT IS A PERSON ... WE
INVITE "INTO OUR HEARTS" -

⑤ THE TRUTH - (JOHN 8:31-32)

- IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN,
ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED - AND -
YE SHALL KNOW THE "TRUTH" - AND - THE
"TRUTH" SHALL MAKE YOU FREE -

(3 PROMISES)

- ① YOU ARE INDEED HIS DISCIPLE -
- ② YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH -
- ③ THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE -

⑥ THE LIFE - (JOHN 10:10)

- "I CAME THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE,
AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY" -

III] THE FEARLESS PEOPLE - (4, 6)

④ "YOU HAVE OVERCOME THE WICKED ONE"
- BY YOUR FAITH - AT WORK -

① BECAUSE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP - ④
"GREATER" IS HE THAT IS IN YOU -
"THE PRESENCE OF GOD"

IN OUR SALVATION - WE HAVE AUTHORITY

① TO LEAD ME - OVER THE ADVERSARY -

② TO GIVE ME LIGHT & POWER -

③ TO LOVE & FELLOWSHIP WITH ME - I WE

AM RESCUED - BY CHRIST - AND HIS

CROSS - SATAN - HAS NO MORE POWER

OVER ME - EXCEPT, WHAT I ALLOW -

③ BECAUSE OF THE RESULTS - ⑥

THE "ABILITY TO DISCERN" -
[THE ACTUALITIES ABOUT OURSELVES]

① SPIRIT OF TRUTH - HOLY SPIRIT

[NO BELIEVER SHOULD BE RECEIVED]

- THE VERY CHARACTER OF GOD - LOVE

- LOVE ALWAYS GUIDES WITH TRUTH - THE
TRUTH FROM GOD'S WORD -

② SPIRIT OF ERROR - (SPIRIT OF SATAN)

(REJECTS CHRISTIAN BELIEFS)

- "THIS SPIRIT" REJECTS TRUTH -

WHY, BECAUSE "IT EXPOSES THEIR SIN" -

- IT EXPRESS "SELF" - "A GOOD TEST
OF ERROR" - THEIR IDEAL - "COME"

[FROM HUMAN MINDS, OF THE WORLD]

REVEAL NOT CHRIST (BUT I - ME - MY)

"WHAT THEY TEACH"

SATISFIES - THE UNCOVERED -

BUT SHOULD BRING CONVICTION -

③ THE SPIRIT OF GUIDANCE -

"WE ARE OF GOD" - (VS 6)

④ THOSE BOAR OF GOD - HEAR US: SO

"WE KNOW" - THEY WALK IN THE -

SPIRIT OF TRUTH -

⑤ NOTE - THOSE WHO ARE TRUE -

DESIRE - THE WORD OF GOD - THEY

LOVE - FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD -

© NOW.. THOSE WHO ARE RESCUED.. IN CHRIST -
"SATAN HIMSELF" HIS HOLD
ON US.. HAS BEEN BROKEN & DESTROYED

SATAN

— HAS NO MORE POWER, RIGHT, IN OUR HEARTS —

"IN CHRIST"

— THERE IS NO GROUND FOR ~~SATAN~~ SATAN'S
— BONDAGE —

"CHRIST"

IS IN US — BECAUSE WE "BELIEVE" —
THAT WHICH IS IN US IS CHRIST — VS 4
YOU + I

— CAN NEVER MEET THE ENEMY, OURSELVES
— WE WILL LOSE EVERY TIME —

IN CHRIST

DEATH AND RESURRECTION... ALL SATAN'S
POWER HAS BEEN DESTROYED —

WHO (ROM 8:33)

"SHALL LAY ANYTHING TO THE CHARGE OF
GOD'S ELECT." IT IS GOD IN YOU — THE HOPE
OF GLORY — COL 1:24-26

[WHAT IS IT THAT THE "HOLY SPIRIT" WORKS UPON
IN ORDER TO MAKE VICTORY IN US ACTUAL?] —

IT IS THE PROVISION —

GOD HAS MADE... IN CHRIST — "OUR FAITH" IN
A FULLER APPREHENSION OF CHRIST — TO BE
— OUR WAY OF & FOR "VICTORY" —

I JOHN 4:7-18

THE LORDSHIP OF LOVE

28 pages
written

THE THEME OF EVERYTHING "JOHN" WROTE...

① OUR GOD IS A "GOD OF LOVE"

"GOD IS LOVE"

"GOD'S CHILDREN LOVE"

② OUR CHARACTER "OUGHT TO" & "WILL BE" ---
--- A LOVE LIFE "TO GOD" AND "MEN"

I] THE PROCLAMATION OF LOVE - [7-8, 11]

WE ARE CHALLENGED BY THIS ---

"LOVE FACTOR"

① WHAT IS PROCLAIMED - ⑦
"GOD IS LOVE" --- WHICH IS:

① THE "HIGHEST" CONDITION OF LIFE -

"IT EXPRESSES GOD"

"IT IS RECEIVED DIRECTLY" ---

FROM "GOD"

② THE "HOLIEST" CONDITION OF LIFE -

"BEGOTTEN OF GOD" "HOLY SPIRIT" ⑬

(I PETER 1:15-16) BE "HOLY" IN ALL
MANNER OF LIFE --- "BE YE HOLY" FOR
"I AM HOLY" (HERE)

WE SEE:

① THE POSSESSION OF OUR SOUL BY GOD -
"AS I AM HOLY" - "ONLY GOD"
WE ARE HOLY ONLY AS "HE MAKES US"
"HIS LIFE IN US"

② THE PERMITTING HIM TO "WORK" OUT "HIS"
"HOLINESS THROUGH US" -

③ THE PERMANENT EVIDENCE OF THIS LOVE -
"HIS LOVE IS AN EVERLASTING LOVE"

[JOHN 13:1]

"HAVING LOVE HIS OWN" - "HE"
LOVED THEM UNTIL THE END"

① THE END IN THE CROSS -

② THE END AT THE CROWN -

④ WHAT IS PRACTICED - "LET US" ①
WE ARE ALLOWED TO "LOVE PEOPLE"
JUST LIKE AS GOD LOVES THEM

= SINCE GOD LOVED US WITHOUT OUR
LOVING HIM - WE MUST LOVE
THOSE WHO DO NOT LOVE US -

THIS IS THE "DEFINEING PRINCIPLE"
OF OUR "NEW LIFE IN GOD" -
"LOVE"

③ WHAT IS THE PROOF - ⑧

PROOF =

^{NOT ONLY}
"THE EVIDENCE THAT COMPELS ~~PROFESSION~~
"ACCEPTANCE" --- "LOVE" --- IT ~~ESTABLISHES~~
ESTABLISHES "VALIDITY" OF "TRUTH"

OR

"IS IT REAL" --- "ONLY LOVE PROVES"

NOT ONLY PROCLAMATION --- ~~NOT ONLY~~

II THE PATTERN OF LOVE - [9-14]

① THE ACTION OF GOD - (9-10)

"HE MANIFESTED LOVE" "AMONG US"

"THE "HIGHEST" & "NOBLEST" LOVE:

"HE IS" ITS "SOURCE" & "SUBSTANCE"

"HE"

"SENT HIS SON" --- TO THOSE WHO:

① FALLEN PEOPLE --- (DISOBEDIENT)

② ~~FROM~~ FILTHY PEOPLE --- "NATURE" &

"CONDUCT" IS SIN

"BUT"

③ "A FORGIVEN PEOPLE" --- (10)

--- HE LOVED US --- LOOK --- HE IS

"THE PROPITIATION" FOR OUR SIN ---

① SATISFYING GOD'S DEMANDS --- DEATH FOR SIN

② SHARING GOD'S RELATIONSHIP --- TO US

③ RESTORED US TO A RIGHTEOUS CONDITION ---

--- "WITH GOD"

③ THE AUTHENTICITY OF GOD IN US - (13-14)

① HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN US -

② WE TESTIFY THE FATHER SENT HIS

SON -

"OUR ONLY VALID MESSAGE"

WE HAVE ~~AS~~ A SAVIOUR"

"I LOVE HIM SO" + "I SHARE HIM"

"BY LOVING AS HE DID"

④ THE ASSOCIATION OF LOVE - (11-12)

"PERFECTED" IN US BY LOVE - (12)

① IT IS PERSONAL - (11) "BELOVED"

LOVE IS GOD'S NATURE - AS A

CHILD - IT IS OUR "NEW NATURE"

"SAME LOVE"

"WE LOVE" WITH THE LOVE OF GOD -

② IT IS ^{PERMANENT} PERMANENT - (11)

"IF GOD LOVED US IN THIS WAY"

(IS 49:15) (12)

CAN A WOMAN FORGET

HER NURSING CHILD - THAT SHE

SHOULD NOT HAVE COMPASSION ON THE

SON OF HER WOMB? YEA, THEY MAY

FORGET, YET "I WILL NOT FORGET THEM"

⑩ BEHOLD, I HAVE ENGRAVED THEE UPON
THE PALMS OF MY HANDS -

LOOK AT "LOVE'S PRECIOUSNESS"

- A MOTHER'S LOVE -

⑪ SHE SOOTHES IT IN TIMES OF SUFFERING -

⑫ SHE SURRENDERS FOOD, SLEEP, ANYTHING
FOR ITS SAKE -

⑬ SHE PRAYS ALWAYS FOR HER CHILD + EVEN
GIVE HER LIFE FOR THEM -

"MAYBE"

SHE WILL FORGET - "I WILL NOT"

"I HAVE ENGRAVED THEE ON MY HANDS"

① HANDS OF POWER -

② HANDS OF AUTHORITY -

③ HANDS OF MERCY -

④ HANDS OF FORGIVENESS

"HANDS
OF
LOVE"

NOT JUST PROCLAMATION + PATTERN - ALSO:

III THE PROFECTION OF LOVE - (17-18) (START)

"WHEN LOVE IS PERFECTED"

(A) BOLDNESS BEFORE JUDGEMENT - (17)

"NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN PERFECT"

NO: NO PERFECTION HERE -

THE CLUE IS - "HERE IN"

AS HE IS -- SO ARE WE IN THE WORLD
"SEPARATED"
THIS MEANS:

HIS PERFECTION -- BECOMES OUR PERFECTION

HE WAS PERFECT IN THOUGHT, WORD, DEED
"SO"

BY HIS LOVE -- WE ARE IN HIM -- GOD SEES
US THROUGH HIM --

③ BANISHES ALL FEARS - ①⑧

-- THE PERFECTION OF LOVE -- RESTS -- IN THE
PERFECTION OF CHRIST -- "NOW"

WE CAN POSSESS A "PERFECT PEACE"
"A TOTAL ABSENCE" OF:

TERROR & APPREHENSION OF THE FUTURE

GOD'S LOVE KEEPS US:

-- WE HAVE NO:

① FEAR OF FUTURE --

② FEAR OF FAILURE --

③ FEAR OF BEING LOST --

GOD'S LOVE + FEAR "CANNOT"
"RESIDE TOGETHER"

(THUS: WE ARE OVERCOMING)