**1 John 4**, ESV, https://www.esv.org/1+John+4/

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**Test the Spirits**

4 Beloved,

do not believe every spirit,

but

test the spirits

to see

whether they are from God,

for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this

you know the Spirit of God:

every spirit

that confesses

that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

is from God,

3 and

every spirit

that does not confess Jesus

is not from God.

This is the spirit of the antichrist,

which you heard

was coming

and now

is in the world already.

4 Little children,

you are from God

and

have overcome them,

for he

who is in you

is greater than he

who is in the world.

5 They are from the world;

therefore they speak from the world,

and

the world listens to them.

6 We are from God.

Whoever knows God

listens to us;

whoever is not from God

does not listen to us.

By this

we know the Spirit of truth

and

the spirit of error.

**God Is Love**

7 Beloved,

let us love one another,

for love is from God,

and

whoever loves

has been born of God

and

knows God.

8 Anyone

who does not love

does not know God,

because God is love.

9 In this

the love of God was made manifest among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world,

so that we might live through him.

10 In this is love,

not that we have loved God

but

that he loved us

and

sent his Son

to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved,

if God so loved us,

we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God;

if we love one another,

God abides in us

and

his love is perfected in us.

(NIV: God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

KJV: God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

中文和合本: 神就住在我們裡面，愛他的心在我們裡面得以完全了。

和合本修订版: 神就住在我们里面，他的爱在我们里面得以完满了。

Direct translation from Greek Bible: 上帝住在我們裡面, 且他的愛在我們裡面是已被完全的。 (https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/1Jo/4/12))

13 By this

we know that

we abide in him

and

he in us,

because he has given us of his Spirit.

14 And

we have seen

and

testify

that the Father has sent his Son

to be the Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses

that Jesus is the Son of God,

God abides in him,

and

he in God.

16 So we have come

to know

and

to believe the love

that God has for us.

God is love,

and

whoever abides in love

abides in God,

and

God abides in him.

17 By this is love perfected with us,

so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment,

because as he is

so also are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love,

but

perfect love casts out fear.

For fear has to do with punishment,

and

whoever fears

has not been perfected in love.

19 We love

because he first loved us.

20 If anyone says,

“I love God,”

and

hates his brother,

he is a liar;

for he

who does not love his brother

whom he has seen

cannot love God

whom he has not seen.

21 And

This commandment we have from him:

whoever loves God

must also love his brother.