**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.