



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion
Day 12
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Day Twelve

1 John 4:1-6

¹Dear 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. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

One of the key needs we have in our lives is to be able to distinguish right from wrong; truth from error. It says to test the spirits. That is, do not believe everything that is told to you. Make sure it is backed up by God's word. The other great test is the question of who Jesus is. Those who profess that Jesus has come in the flesh, was born of a virgin, God with us--is from God. One of the greatest promises that we have is that His Spirit lives in us. So the thought, "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." We do not have to be afraid of anything in this world because He that lives in us is greater than all. I don't know about you, but these verses bring great comfort. In a world, especially today, that fears over everything, we don't have to fear.

Lord let me learn to live in the peace that comes from the knowledge that you live in me.