

## Are We On The Same Wave Length?

**Text: 1 John 4:1-6**

### Introduction:

1. Are we who we say we are? -- Are we on the same page? -- Are we in the same ballpark? -- Are we of the same mind? -- Are we of the same Spirit? -- Are we of God?
2. See, all of these questions above pertain to our spiritual lives.
3. John has told us there are some who say that Christ has not come in the flesh, and we are to be very aware of these who have the spirit of 'antichrist' (v3)
4. We can know by testing the spirits of these people with God's Word to see if it is so.
5. Not only can we test these spirits, but we can also know that 'We Are Of God' and know that we are on the same wave length, with God in our lives.

### From these Scriptures, how can we see if we are of God?

#### I. We Must Test the spirits (what is being taught) (v 1)

- a. Is it from the Scriptures?
  - i. Searching to see if it is so... (*Acts 17:11*)
  - ii. Is it from heaven or man? – (*Matthew 21:24, 25*)
- b. Is it used in Context?
  - i. Does it agree with the rest of the text surrounding the Scripture in question?
- c. Is it of the Old Testament or New Testament?
  - i. Example: *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.* – (*Exodus 20:8*)
    1. *From the Ten Commandments – for the Jewish nation for worship – done away with in the New Testament this Sabbath day was on a Saturday.*
    2. *Today, Sunday is the first day of the week whereby we meet around the Lord's Table for communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – (Acts 20:7)*
  - ii. The eating of certain meats – some forbidden in the Old Testament
    1. *For example – swine (Leviticus 11:4-7)*
    2. *To be with thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:4)*
  - iii. All meats given for man to eat in the New Testament by God
    1. *God said kill and eat (Acts 10:11-16)*
    2. *To be with thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:4)*

#### II. We Must Confess that Christ has come in the Flesh (v 2)

- a. There are those who say that Jesus did not come in the flesh (*antichrist*)
- b. We must confess that He is The Christ the Son of God – (*Matthew 16:16; 1 John 4:15, 5:5, 5:20*)
- c. We must confess that He indeed came from the Father to earth to redeem man back to God – (*Romans 4:24; Colossians 1:14*)
  - i. *Because "Unless you believe .... you will die in your sins" – (John 8:24)*
    1. An absolute Belief or all else is vain.
    2. Everything else is hopeless without Christ

- d. We must confess Him before men – (*Matthew 10:32*)
  - i. The statement made as our confession at immersion for the remission of our sins (*Romans 10:9; Acts 8:37 – [the Ethiopian Eunuch]*)
  - ii. Confessing Jesus Christ daily in our lives by our fruits.
    - 1. How we act
    - 2. What we do ‘or’ don’t do
    - 3. What we say ‘or’ don’t say, etc.

### III. We Must be One Who Overcome’s the world

- a. ‘because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world’ (v 4)
- b. Jesus overcame the world, and so can we – (*John 16:33; Revelation 3:11, 12:11*)
  - i. Tempted, yet without sin
  - ii. He overcame death by His resurrection from grave by defeating Satan.
- c. The Spirit of life – (*Romans 8:10, 11, 16, 17*)
- d. Dwells within us as promised by God (*Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 1:13*)
  - i. Given at baptism (*Acts 2:38*)
  - ii. Given in our obedience to God by obeying the command to be baptized (*Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32*)
- e. Our bodies are the temples of the Living God – (*2 Corinthians 6:16*)
- f. Showing the Fruit of the Spirit – (*Galatians 5:22, 23*)

#### Conclusion:

- 1. Today we can know that we are on the ‘same wave-length’ with God by knowing that we are Of God.
  - a. By testing anything and all things spoken or written on spiritual matters with God’s Truth – The Bible
    - i. Because, each and every one of us that hears this message or reads this outline must understand that we all are accountable to God for what He has said (*John 12:48*) and will someday give an answer to Him (*Romans 14:12; 1 Peter 4:5*)
  - b. By confessing Jesus Christ in our daily lives in our walk and talk.
  - c. By being one who has overcome the world – not to the drum-beat of the world, but to the beat of Christ who is our Lord and King in our lives.