

SPIRITUAL TESTS — 1 JOHN

The tests are not between saints and super saints. The distinction is between believer and unbeliever.

1 The **THEOLOGICAL CERTAINTY** of *Christ* (1:8; 2:22; 4:3; 5:4)

- The Person and work of Christ
- Christ and the Gospel are inseparable
-  • The Word of Life is the true Revelation of God

Spiral 1: 1Jn 1:8, If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Spiral 2: 1Jn 2:22, Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

Spiral 3: 1Jn 4:3, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Spiral 4: 1Jn 5:4, For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

2 The **MORAL CERTAINTY** of the *Law* (2:3; 2:29; 4:6; 5:3)

- Abiding in Christ
- Overcomers
- Desire to please and obey Christ

Spiral 1: 1Jn 2:3, Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

Spiral 2: 1Jn 2:29, If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

Spiral 3: 1Jn 4:6, We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Spiral 4: 1Jn 5:3, For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

3 The **RELATIONAL CERTAINTY** of *Love* (2:9; 3:15; 4:8; 5:2)

- Love for Christ (God)
- Love for Believers

Spiral 1: 1Jn 2:9, He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

Spiral 2: 1Jn 3:15, Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Spiral 3: 1Jn 4:8, He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Spiral 4: 1Jn 5:2, By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.