

First John - Chapter Four

"How to Be a Real Deal Christian"

I John 4:1-6 "Real Deal Christians Know and Follow the Truth"

Some Key Points:

- 1) There are two competing "spirits" – spirit of t_____ versus spirit of f_____.
- 2) We need to t_____ what we hear (i.e. test the "spirits" and "prophets/teachers"; see Acts 17:10-11).
- 3) A key test: Affirming that Jesus Christ has come in the f_____ (i.e. Jesus is the Son of Man as well as the Son of God).
- 4) We can o_____ false teachers/spirits and deceivers because we are born of God (see 2:29, 3:10).
- 5) Jesus is g_____ than Satan!!

I John 4:7-21 "Real Deal Christians Know We Are Deeply Loved by God and Deeply Love Others"

Some Key Points:

- 1) One of God's dominant personal characteristics is His l_____.
- 2) A defining characteristic of God is His love for us; a defining characteristic of God's children should be our love for o_____ (see John 13:34-35).
- 3) God is the s_____ of love; love comes from God.
- 4) God is the s_____ of love; He shows us what true love is (see John 13:1-17).
- 5) God's ultimate expression of His love was sending Jesus to pay our s_____ d_____ - and that enables us to have a personal relationship with Him!
- 6) We love because God f_____ loved us.
- 7) God e_____ us in love. Whoever loves God m_____ also love others. We cannot truly love God and hate others at the same time.
- 8) We are to allow God's love to f_____ through us to other people.

- 9) Loving o_____ is a sign we are truly saved.
- 10) Loving others leads to a closer r_____ with God.
- 11) Loving others will gain us c_____ on our judgment day.
- 12) Acknowledging (affirming) that Jesus is the Son of G_____ is a sign we are truly saved.
- 13) There is no f_____ in love. We need not fear God's judgment because genuine love confirms our salvation.