

# FIRST JOHN STUDY

## CHAPTER 4:1-6

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Living in the Daze of Deception” - Part 2**

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

#### **1 John 1:3**

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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#### **1 John 4:1-6**

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because 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 of God, **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. **4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5** They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. **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.”

### **Lying Spirits & Doctrines of Demons**

*“But I saw it with My own Eyes”*

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**1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

### **The Deception of The Charismatic**

*“Wasn't He a Great Speaker”*

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**2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God

## **The Deception of Easy Believe-ism**

*“What’s with the Cross?”*

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**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

## **The Deception of a Cry for Unity**

*“We’re Really One Big Family”*

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. **4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world

## **The Deception of Signs & Wonders**

*“But It Must Be From God – I Can Feel It”*

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. **5** They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

## **The Deception of Tolerance**

*“Just as Long as People are Sincere”*

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**6** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us.

## **The Deception of the Rise of Babylon**

*“The Roman Road to Deception”*

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**6** By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:11**

**11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe **the lie**,

If we truly, this evening confess to believe in the Bible  
And to receive as it is – Being the Word of God,

We must also then believe that...

*What it says, speaks to our times !*

So much so  
that with the passing of each day we draw closer to the prophetic  
fulfillment of such passages as;

*What is Found in Timothy*

**2 Timothy 3:1-5**

**know this,** that in the last days perilous times will come: (How Will These Perilous time be Identified?) 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

*By What is Found in Peter*

**2 Peter 3:3-4**

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

*By What is Found in Jude*

**Jude 1:4**

4For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

*By What is Found in Timothy Again*

**2 Timothy 4:3-4**

3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

*By What is Found in Paul's letter to the Galatians*

**Galatians 1:8-9**

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

*By What is Found in Jesus Christ*

**Matthew 24:4-5, 11**

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.... 11 "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

## Lying Spirits & Doctrines of Demons

*"I Feel Better Just Listening to Them"*

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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

### 1.) The Christian is **Secure** in Christ

v. 1a

Beloved,

### My Personal Belief

Regarding Salvation and the Nature of God is That God Saves !

### Turn To Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 "I and My Father are one."

### 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance,

### a.) *Because We Have a Divine **Birthright***

v.1

Beloved

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**Beloved** grk 27 agapetos (ag-ap-ay-tos');

the very dearly loved. The ones of affection. The ones of special favor

### 1 John 3:9

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

**Galatians 5:1**

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

**The “Beloved” of God**

**Have been set free from the tyranny of men and worldly systems**

**Any System That Attempts**

**To Bring You Under Its Control Is Carnal and Not of God**

b.) *Because We Have a Divine Relationship*

v.1

**The Christian’s Privilege**

**Be loved !**

**We Can Now Love Like God**

1 John 5:1

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the {child} born of Him.

John 13:35

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**A Warning Against Backsliding**

2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.  
Amen.

# We Need to Strengthen Our Walks

Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## By “Adopting” This Church

1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.

The Christian is **Secure** in Christ

c.) *Because We Have a Divine **Confidence***

v.1

## The Church Tonight is Divided Into Two Camps

The Church Triumphant  
The Church Militant

The Difference Between The One and The Other  
Is that One is in Heaven and the Other is on Earth

Hebrews 6:9

But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation,

## Lying Spirits & Doctrines of Demons

*“I Feel Better Just Listening to Them”*

2.) The Christian is **Discerning** of Spirit

vv. 1b

do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits,  
whether they are of God;

## Turn With Me To;

Genesis 2:15-17

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "**Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."**

## Turn With Me To;

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?**" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "**We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'**" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "**(#1 - casting doubt) You will not surely die. 5 "(#2 – and holding out) "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

### *Mr. Snake Eyes*

- Satan Questioned God's Word
  - He Denied God's Word
  - He Substituted God's Word

### *Mrs. Eve Adam*

1. Eve Deleted From God's Word (Freely)
2. Eve Added To God's Word (Nor Touch It)
3. Eve Changed God's Word (Lest You Die) *changing it from "in the day of...*

## Satan's Goal is Your Soul

Revelation 20:14-15

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Christian is to be **Discerning** of Spirit

**do not** believe every spirit

Mark 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

Jude 1:17-18

But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

2 Peter 3:1-3

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 **knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own**

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**do not** grk 3361 me (may);

an interrogative mind-set. a cautious or even negative approach. Being slow to believe in what is presented to the senses

but **test** the spirits

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**test** 1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo);

to approve. To give it the acid test, allow, syn. examine, to prove worthy of its claim

## An Assayers Office

Will Apply Acid To The Gold To Test Its Grade & Purity

1 Timothy 3:15

I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.



# A Big Quote Here

“The Church with Bible in Head, Heart and Hand  
Is to Judge what is Right for Every Situation of Life”

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**spirits**

4151 pneuma (pnyoo'-mah);

a current of air, to check out the direction of the wind.

The direction of the current (water, air, spiritual activity)

## The demonic spirits

are the Originators of the aberrant Messages

### Demons And Fallen Angels are Real & Active

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The Christian is **Discerning** of Spirit

c.) *We're to be **Perceptive Believers***

v.1

whether they are of God;

## Because All Others are Not

### Lying Spirits & Doctrines of Demons

*“I Feel Better Just Listening to Them”*

3.) **The Christian is Watchful of Mind**

vv. 1c

“because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

# But We Must Be Watchful Against What We Hear / What We See / What We Feel

a.) *We Must be **Alert** to What We Hear*

v.1

Because many false prophets

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**many** 4183 **polus** (pol-oos');

an exceeding amount. An abundance, **altogether** in a unity, **common**, in that they accomplish the same goal. **Far** as they have gone a long way. **Great** in that they have become impressive. And **plenteous**, as they are too many to count

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**false prophet** 5578 **pseudoprophetes**

pretending to foretell or a religious impostor who knowingly or unknowingly leads others astray from God

Luke 8:18

"Therefore take heed how you hear."

b.) *We Must be **Vigilant** to What We See*

v.1

have gone out

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**have gone out** 1831 **exerchomai** (ex-er'-khom-ah-ee);

to issue out from, departed, left, exited.

WE ARE A GENERATION FIXATED  
ON SIGHT AND SOUND

It Has Been Said That;  
"We Are Fools for What Appears"

Matthew 16:1-4

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 "and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. 4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it

Revelation 13:13-14

He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs

## We Often Wrongly Judge By What We See

By Signs and Wonders

(are they apparently good or apparently bad?)

Matthew 24:24-25

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, **if possible, even the elect.** 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance!

With The Expressed Purpose to Deceive

*(Win Over to Their Side)*

Mark 16:16-18

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 "And these **signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

### **We Are Told That There Have Been Documented Healings**

- In the Mormon Cult
- Among the Jehovah Witnesses
- In The Name of Mary, Queen of Heaven

### **Danger When Signs Become More Important Than Doctrine**

- They Judge According to Sight
- They Concede to Their Life's Difficulties
- They are too Lazy to Search for the Truth

Revelation 20:1-2

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

c.) *We Must be **Guarded** to What We Feel*

v.1

have gone out – “into the world”

## There is An Evil, Seducing Atmosphere Around Them

1 John 4:5

They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

Matthew 25:46

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

***Who Does This Teaching  
Apply To ?***

***What Does This Teaching  
Mean to Me Today Personally ?***

***What Do I Need to Implement  
in My Life as a Result ?***

***How Can I Now Use  
this Information in My Walk with God ?***