

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 12, 2023
1 John 4:1-6

1. What is John's instruction in 4:1?
 - a. Don't believe every spirit.
 - b. Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.
 - c. There are people teaching wrong things in the name of God and we should be careful who we believe.

2. How, according to 4:2, do we recognize the Spirit of God? _____

3. According to what we've been learning in the rest of 1 John, why is it so important to affirm that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?
 - a. Because people were saying that Jesus was more of a phantom and that is the only way he could have really been good.
 - b. Because if he came in the flesh, then flesh does not have to be evil, it can be influenced by the Spirit living in it.
 - c. Because if he came in the flesh, it brings hope for the rest of us, who also have flesh.

4. What sort of spirit, according to 4:3, is not from God? _____

5. So, according to 4:3, what sort of spirit would say that flesh is only evil, Spirit is the only thing that can be holy, Jesus must not have been truly human, and we cannot live according to God's will because we are only human and human flesh has to be evil? _____

6. According to verse 4:4, should we be afraid of the spirit of antichrist that, according to this text, is already in the world? Yes_____ No_____ Why or why not? _____

7. Does this text also give us encouragement for our life in this body? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. Why, according to 4:5, does the world tend to listen to the other viewpoint (that of the antichrist)? _____

9. Who, according to verse 4:6, listens to those who are from God and proclaim this message of holiness in bodily form? _____

10. Is it possible that the antichrist has been influencing us already more than we realized? Yes_____ No_____ What will we do? _____
