

**Series: Fellowship Divine**

**Title: The 1st Test of Fellowship is Bible Doctrine.**

**Text: (1 Jn 4:1-6)**

**I. What think ye of Christ. vs 1 - 6, (Matt 22:41-42)**

**A. Tested by belief (vs 1)**

**1. Spirits defined.**

- a.) Man. You are Triune (Body, Soul, & Spirit)
- b.) Preachers, teachers, evangelists.
- c.) Some will speak the truth, some will not.
- d.) People who offer bad advice.

**2. Try the spirits continually.**

- a.) Stop believing every spirit.  
(1 Tim 4:1-3)(2 Cor 11:13-15)
- b.) Prove the spirits: (2 Cor 11:2-4)(1 Thes 5:21)
  - (1) They should be tested by God's Word.  
(Is 8:20)(Luke 10:26)(John 5:39-47)
  - (2) Berean Believer's commended: (Acts 17:11)
  - (3) Some Preach a Man Made Jesus: (Mk 7:7-9)
  - (4) Receiving another spirit: (2 Cor 11:4)
  - (5) Another Gospel, Led by a Man (Gal 1:6-9)

c.) False Prophets: (Matt 7:15-16; 24:11)  
(Mark 13:22)(Jn 15:18-20)(2 Pet 2:1-3)(Acts 20:28-30)

**B. Tested by False Teachers (Vs 2-3)**

**1. Confession of Truth (Vs 2)**

- a.) **"confesseth"** ~ Verbal Acknowledgment of ...
  - (1) Christ - *"Anointed One"* used 514 in NT

**This is happening because of Demonic Spirits influencing New Translations of the Bible and Influencing Colleges to use them**

NKJV omits, Lord 66 times, God 51 times, heaven 50 times, repent 44 times, blood 23 times, hell 22, Sodomy/Sodomite

**Changed**

sodomite	Deut. 23:17	perverted one
sodomites	I Kings 15:12	perverted persons
sodomites	I Kings 22:46	perverted persons
sodomites	II Kings 23:7	perverted persons

Removes the words, Mercyseat, Jehovah, Damnation, devils, & Godhead entirely.

**NIV Omits 135 Names & Titles of Jesus**

**NIV Omits 17 Entire Verses :**

Matthew 17:21, 18:11, 23:14  
Mark 7:16, 9:44, 9:46, 11:26, 15:28,  
Luke 17:36, 23:17  
John 5:4  
Acts 8:37, 15:34, 24:7, 28:28  
Romans 16:24  
1 John 5:7

**The NIV Removes 64,576 words!**

Removes remission, Regeneration, Impute, Propitiation

Despite God's clear warnings about "taking away" from His words - the NIV removes 64,576 words!

That equals REMOVING the books of Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II

Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude and more - COMBINED!!!

The equivalence of ripping out over 30 Books of the Bible!

- (2) Denying The Saving Christ
- (3) Denying The Deity of Christ
- (4) Denying He is God: (2 Jn 1:7)(Jn 1:1)
- b.) Confessing Christ as Lord & Savior is...
  - (1) Full Surrender
  - (2) Full Reliance
  - (3) Saving Faith is Actual Trust
  - (4) Mere faith in historical fact will not save us.
  - (5) Believe and Confess: (Rom 10:10)
- c.) These affect our understanding about Christ.
- 2. The Denial of the Truth: (Vs 3)
  - a.) Deny that God came in the Flesh: (John 8:44) (Acts 17:21)(Col 2:8)
  - b.) Confess a Jesus of their own Making
    - (1) They are Ignorant People
    - (2) They are Impure People
  - c.) Imitation Christianity:

### **C. Testing results in Overcoming: (vs 4)**

- 1. John is Confident Christians Can Know.
- 2. "Have" ~ Past Tense
- 3. We are in a Battle
  - a.) Put on the whole armor of God: (Eph 6:10-19)
  - b.) Satan wants to see us defeated & Silenced.
  - c.) We Will Gain the Victory.
- 4. How do We Overcome? By Greater Power.
  - a.) Faith, Trust, Hope in the Crucified, Buried, Risen, & Soon Returning Savior.

- b.) Christ in Us, Hope of Glory. (Col 1:27)
- c.) Know that God is On Our Side. (Rom 8:31-32)
- d.) Walk In the Spirit: (Gal 5:16)
- e.) Satan Strong, But Christ Stronger. (Heb 2:14-15)

### **D. The World in all its Splendor: (Vs 5-6)**

#### **1. The Worldly Mind: (Vs 5)**

- a.) Boast of the Learning
- b.) Great Swelling Words
- c.) Man's Reasoning substituted for the Authority of God (2 Tim 4:2-4)
- d.) Man will say what Men want to hear.

#### **2. The Word of God: (Vs 6) (Amos 3:3)**

- a.) We must maintain the integrity of the Bible.
- b.) Spirit of truth comes from the Word of God.
- c.) Spirit of error comes from satan:

### **It is Imperative that you know your Bible:**

(2 Tim 4:3)(1 Tim 4:1-3)(2 Tim 3:1-6)  
(Gal 4:16)(Jn 3:19-21)(2 Pet 2:1-3)

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