

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 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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