

# 1 John

## CHAPTER 4

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

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

**3** And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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

**5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them.

**6** We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God hears not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

**7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.

**8** He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

**9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

**10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

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

**12** No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.

**13** Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

**14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

**15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in Him, and he in God.

**16** And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.

**17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

**18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.

**19** We love him, because He first loved us.

**20** If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

**21** And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loves God love his brother also.