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- John's Concerns:
  - Reassurance of the faithful **5:13**
  - Those who are trying to deceive **2:26**
- Know Who Are of the Truth:
  - **3:10** – Practices righteousness
  - **3:14** – Loves the brethren
  - **3:18-19** – Lives the truth

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- Do Not Believe Every Spirit:
  - The connection between 3 and 4:
    - “The one who keeps...abides” 3:24
    - “Test every spirit... for many false teachers have gone out...” 4:1
    - John is concern with what “spirit” they were going to listen to.
  - Test them 4:1; Acts 17:11, 32

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- The First Test: Do They Uphold Christ?
  - They deny Christ incarnation vv.2-3
  - Don't miss the implications!
    - The Gospel of John is based on the incarnation John 1:14
    - Jesus coming in the flesh revealed God to us 1:18
- They went out from us and hate us 2:19; 3:13; 4:4-5

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- The Second Test: Do They Follow Us?
  - Us = The Apostles 1:1-4; Luke 10:16
  - The teachers would deny Christ ultimate authority and that of the apostles.
- Applications:
  - Need to be diligent about ourselves Hebrews 2:1
  - Need to contend for Christ Jude 3

He that  
**believes**  
and is  
**baptized**  
shall be

**saved.**

*Mark 16:16*