

Biblical Discernment in a World Filled With Lies

1 John 4:1-6

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Thesis: The world we live in is filled with lies. Lies about God. Lies about us. And there is no shortage of those who would teach and spread these lies for their own benefit, often times unknowingly advancing the devil's agenda. But with biblical discernment we can see through these lies and know the truth.

A. Three ways to gain Biblical discernment (vs. 1,2 ,6):

1. Don't believe everything you hear (vs. 1).

2. Focus on Christ (vs. 2).

3. Listen to the right teachers (vs. 6).

B. How do I know which teachers to listen to (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)?

1. Test what you hear against the Word of God (vs. 1, 6).

2. What do they believe about Jesus (vs. 2)?

3. Do they teach and are they taught from the Word of God (vs. 5, 6)?

C. See the spiritual nature of the battle we are engaged in (vs. 3).

D. Do not fear, God is greater (vs. 4).