

CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN



GOAL 1:

Know and Live
A Certain Eternity

(Over 30 evidences of a transformed heart!)



GOAL 2:

Know and Live
Yahweh's Kingdom
versus
the kingdom of the
world



GOAL 3:

Know and Live
Good Theology



1 John 4:1-6 "1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

What did we learn last time? (v 1-3)

A. Caution = Test the Spirits



B. Challenge of the Outward (Surface Level)

Test 1 Confession of Christ's Person & Work

Test 2 Confession of Christ's Lordship

C) Challenge of the Inward

Test 3 Confession of Identity in Christ



1 John 4:5 “They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.”

Does the world system influence
what someone says?

Matthew 12:33-34 “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”

James 3:14-16 “14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”

Does the world system affirm
what someone says?

D. Edmond Hiebert “The world listens to those who speak its own language.”

Romans 1:32 “Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

John 17:9-10, 13-19 “9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.... 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

C) Challenge of the Inward



Test 4 Confession of

Accountability under Christ

1 John 4:6 “We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”

John 8:47 “Whoever is of God hears [akouō] the words of God. The reason why you do not hear [akouō] them is that you are not of God.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Galatians 6:1-2 “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”







SUMMER IN THE PARK

10 AM JUNE 8, JULY 20, AUG 17

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LARGE PAVILION

Lunch's main course will be provided.
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JULY 6 SABBATH

JULY 13 LIBERTY H.S. 10 AM

JULY 20 NAZ BORO PARK 10 AM

JULY 27 LIBERTY H.S. 10 AM

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