

Questions Through 1 John

Lesson 8: What does it mean that greater is he that is in me than he that is in the World?

1 John 4:4



- * In writing to his “dear children” in the Lord, the apostle John tells them that “the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). The contrast here is between the Spirit of _____ and the spirit of _____; in short, God is greater than Satan.
- * (1 John 4:1) begins with an exhortation for believers to _____ the spirits of prophets or teachers. John tells us how to recognize a false prophet in (v. 3).
- * Anyone who teaches or proclaims falsehood about Jesus, such as denying His _____, is a false prophet.
- * The word antichrist means “_____ Christ.” Satan is the ultimate spirit against Christ.
He is the _____ of lies and is against truth (John 8:44)
He is called “the _____ of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
He is “the _____ of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4)
He is “the _____ who is now at work in those who are disobedient” (Eph. 2:2)
- * Satan uses false _____ to lead people away from Christ by deceiving them with a false view of Jesus. Twisting who Jesus is perverts the _____.
- * The bodies of believers are the _____ of the Holy Spirit who dwells within them (1 Cor. 6:19). John encourages those in whom God lives: “You are from God” (1 John 4:4). They are not of the world. John reassures them that they have “_____” those who teach false doctrine and who can rightly be called “antichrists.”
- * John uses the concept of “overcoming” five other times in 1 John:
 - * Believers have overcome the _____ (two times-1 John 2:13, 14)
 - * Believers have overcome the _____ (three times- 1 John 5:4–5)
- * The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now _____ believers in Christ (Rom. 8:11). The Holy Spirit is far _____ than Satan or any of his minions, the Spirit’s wisdom is greater than any of Satan’s schemes, and the Spirit’s protection is more than enough to thwart any of Satan’s attacks.

- * Because he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world, we have _____ in God and at the same time put no confidence in the flesh. The _____ is not ours but the Holy Spirit's.

- * Believers need not _____ Satan; rather, they _____ in the Lord and obey Him. By the living Spirit of God within them, believers can _____ the lies and temptations of the powers of darkness. Those who are of