

1 JOHN: LIGHT AND LOVE

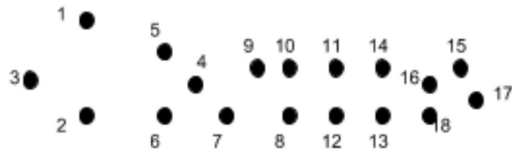
Did You Know? / Believing True

1 John 4:1-6

Do not believe every spirit.

Do believe everything that comes from God

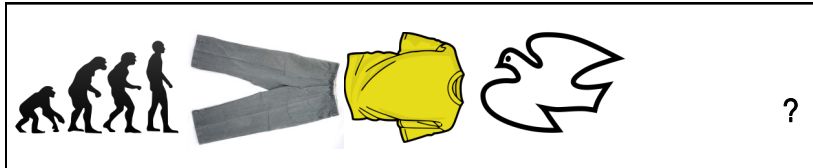
How do we know?



The Test for John's People: incarnation

The Test for East Hill's People: judgement

illegitimate Tests:



Our Hope: Christ the victor, Spirit the power

Belonging, Wisdom, and Authority:

The World: economists, self-help, Oprah

The Church: Bible, believers, elders, pastors

Going Deeper

We encourage you to get into God's word this week. Below is a daily reading plan to help you read the Bible each day and learn more about today's message. This short investment of time will pay off huge dividends in your knowledge of God's Word and your relationship with God.

Below each reading is a question or two to reflect on throughout your day. If you are journaling you can write down your response and whatever else you got out of it (e.g. what the Holy Spirit is telling you).

Day 1: 1 John 4:1-6

- "God is light and God is love" - that's our theme for this series. How does this passage exemplify or expand that theme?

Day 2: John 5:19-24

- The Father and the Son are unified in their will and authority. In what way does this challenge your attitude toward God the Father or God the Son?

Day 3: John 5:25-29

- As Christians we believe that righteousness comes by faith, so how do you reconcile that with verse 29? (Hint: verse 24.)

Day 4: John 5:30-47

- What does this passage indicate about the relationship between Jesus, the church, Scripture, believers, etc. Who is to be believed & why?

Day 5: Jude 1:17-25

- Re-read the passage. Then read it a third time. Choose a phrase to meditate on throughout the day.

Day 6: Hebrews 12:3-6

- Is there an anti-Christ belief or practice of which God is convicting you? Take heart that he has called you his own; and repent.

Day 7: Revelation 22:16-17

- Jesus offers "water of life without price" to any who would come to him. Reflect on why such an offer is neglected or rejected by the majority of people, then spend time in prayer for someone who has rejected the offer.