

Tests of Truth
I John 4:1-6 (The Message)
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- I. The first test is to test false teaching.
 - a. What do we look for in false teachers?
 - i. They will deny Christian doctrine (II Peter 2:1).
 - ii. They will display an exclusive spirit (I John 2:19).
 - iii. They will minimize the authority and person of Jesus Christ.
 - iv. They will generally have a strong and charismatic leader.
 - v. They will emphasize salvation by works.
- II. The second test is their belief about Jesus.
 - a. What should be believe about Jesus?
 - i. Jesus is eternal (Colossians 1:16).
 - ii. Jesus is God in the flesh (I John 4:2).
 - iii. Jesus is God.
 - iv. Jesus is the only way to God.
- III. The third test is your personal faith.
 - a. Personal faith involves a confession (I John 4:2).
 - b. Personal faith involves a new character.