

How Can You Recognize the Truth?

I John 3:23-4:6

I. The Truth Will Be Expressed by the Right Confession - 4:2-3

A. What is the Good Confession? - Matthew 7:24 & 27

B. What are the Good Confessions found in the Bible?

1. The classic confession: _____
- Matthew 16:13-16; John 4:29; 11:27 & Acts 8:37.

2. Thomas' confession: _____
- John 20:28.

a. Why is this important?

b. How do you know this is true? - John 1:1 & 14;
10:30; 14:8-9; Colossians 2:9; Romans 9:5;
John 8:58 & Matthew 1:23

3. The confession here: _____
- 4:2-3

a. Why is this important?

b. What does the tense here imply?

II. The Truth Will Be Empowered by the Right Spirit - 3:24 & 4:1, 4-5

A. The Holy Spirit has been G_____ to you - 3:24 & Acts 2:38.

B. The Holy Spirit can be T_____ - 4:1-3.

C. The Holy Spirit is G_____ than the spirits in the world - 4:4.

III. The Truth Will Be Obtained from the Right Source - 4:6

A. What does "listens to us" mean?

B. What message makes you a child of God? - Romans 10:17 & John 14:6

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