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Title: Who Or What Is A Christian? Christians Know Jesus

Test: 1 John 4:1-6

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

### **1. There are many false religions in the world. v.1**

On a website called **reference.com** the author says in 2014 there were 4200 different religions.

### **2. Christians have the God given ability to discern spiritual truth.**

We have been given permission to test the spirits.

We have been given the standard to test the Spirits.

The Spirit of God acknowledges Jesus coming the in the flesh.

Anyone rejecting Jesus as the one true God belongs to the antichrist.

### **3. Jesus is superior to all other false religions. vs.4**

**Colossians 1:16-18** - For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

**Exodus 20:3** - You shall have no other gods before me.

### **4. Christians know Jesus. v.5**

We listen to God.

**John 10:14-16** - "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Unbelievers argue about Godly things.