

**Sermon Notes**  
**Back to Basics (part 10)**  
**Identifying False Teachers**  
**1 John 4:1-6 (ESV)**

*<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

***4 ways we can identify a false prophet or teacher***

- 1) We can identify false teachers through \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1)
  
- 2) We can identify false teachers with their \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2-3)
  
- 3) We can identify false teachers by their \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4-5)
  
- 4) We can identify false teachers in their \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6)