

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
Looking For Light, Listening For Love
1 John 4:1-6

- I. We Must Look Closely For The Truth (1-3)
 - A. Do not believe every spirit – we must have discernment
 - 1. This is accomplished through a firm foundation of truth
 - 2. This is accomplished through a consistent submission to a higher source of authority besides ourselves
 - B. Test the spirits – we must have large filters
 - 1. We seek that which is from God
 - 2. We avoid that which merely appears to look like it is from God
 - C. What is the key to the test? The Incarnation
 - 1. The Holy Spirit will always testify to the full reality of the Incarnation
 - a. Jesus in the flesh
 - b. Jesus on the cross
 - c. Jesus from the grave
 - d. Jesus as atonement for sin
 - 2. The denial of this is antichrist
 - a. Coming
 - b. Now here
- II. We Must Listen For Love In The Truth (4-6)
 - A. We can overcome this false teaching by the Incarnational presence of Jesus in us
 - 1. This is the place where doubt and fear give way to faith and hope
 - 2. Jesus is greater than

- B. They speak from a “world-based” philosophy
- C. How can find discernment – the denial of the essential reality of Jesus and His Incarnation
- D. This is the verbal display of love: the one who consistently speaks the reality of Jesus in the flesh for sin and salvation