

Sermon Notes for November 12, 2006 A.M.

Morning: “Sharing the Truth in a World of Error”

I John 4:1-6 (Pew Bible page 1083)
(Joy for the Journey—World Missions Month)

- ❖ A **Serious Warning** about **Error**— I John 4:1-2— “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits . . . Because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
 - The spirit of **Antichrist predicted**—I John 4:3, 2:18— “This is the spirit of Antichrist which you have heard was coming.”
 - The spirit of **Antichrist now present**— I John 2-3— “And now is already in the world.”

- ❖ A **Spiritual Warfare** for the Truth—I John 4:4-5— “You are of God, little children and have overcome them. They are of the world . . . We are of God. He who knows God hears us.”
 - We are **invincible** in this **struggle**—I John 4:4-6— “You . . . little children . . . have **overcome** them . . . he who is not of God does not hear us.”
 - We are **indwelt** by His **Spirit**—I John 4:4-6— “Because greater is **He Who is in you** than he who is in the world. . . . By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”

Applications:

1. **Missions** is sharing the **truth** of the Gospel with a world filled with spiritual **error**.
2. **Missions** requires that we **know** what the Bible teaches and that we are **grounded** in Biblical truth.
3. **Missions** means we **know** the Plan of Salvation and are **ready** to share Christ whenever we are at home or on a mission trip overseas.
4. **Missions** asks that we **incarnate** God’s love to people and live seven days a week what we believe.
5. **Missions** means we have the **only** message of **hope** for the people of the world.
6. **Missions** gives us “joy for the journey” as we make a difference in our world on the way to Heaven.