

# **"TRUTH AND ERROR"**

## **I JOHN 4:1-6**

### **I. THE NEED FOR DISCERNMENT IN THE CHURCH CAN HARDLY BE OVEREMPHASIZED (4:1)**

- A. Because Not Every Spirit Is Of God
- B. Because Many False Prophets Are Gone Out Into The World
- C. Because Spirits Must Be Put To The Test

### **II. THE TEST FOR TRUTH AND ERROR MUST BE APPLIED (4:2-3)**

- A. The Great Test of Any Teacher Is: *What Think Ye Of Christ?*
- B. Seven False Teachers In The Church Today

- 1. The Heretic
- 2. The Charlatan
- 3. The Prophet
- 4. The Abuser
- 5. The Divider
- 6. The Tickler
- 7. The Speculator

### **III. THE BELIEVER MUST UNDERSTAND BY FAITH THAT HE ULTIMATELY HAS THE ADVANTAGE (4:4)**

### **IV. THE ORIGINS OF ERROR AND TRUTH ARE FIXED (4:5-6)**

- A. The World System Is Headquarters For Lies And The Purveyors Of Lies (4:5)
- B. God Is The Author Of Truth And His Sheep Hear His Voice (4:6)