

CHAPTER 4

- 1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- 2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- 3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
- 4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- 5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.
- 6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
- 7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- 8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
- 10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- 11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- 12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- 13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
- 14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.
- 15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
- 16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- 17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- 18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- 19** We love him, because he first loved us.
- 20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- 21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

