

# 1. John 4

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, if they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **2** Hereby ye know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses Jesus Christ come in flesh is of God; **3** and every spirit which does not confess Jesus Christ come in flesh is not of God: and this is that power of the antichrist, of which ye have heard that it comes, and now it is already in the world.

**4** Ye are of God, 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; for this reason they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. **6** We are of God; he that knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

**7** Beloved, let us love one another; because love is of God, and every one that loves has been begotten of God, and knows God. **8** He that loves not has not known God; for God is love. **9** Herein as to us has been manifested the love of God, that God has 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 a propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God has so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has seen God at any time: if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. **13** Hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, that he has given to us of his Spirit.

**14** And we have seen, and testify, that the Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world. **15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** And we have known and have believed the love which God has to us. God is love, and he that abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

**17** Herein has love been perfected with us that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, that even as *he* is, we also are in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has torment, and he that fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love because *he* has first loved us. **20** If any one say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? **21** And this commandment have we from him, That he that loves God love also his brother.