

小組查經 – 約翰一書

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(4) 第四章

【約翰一書：住在基督裡】

本卷書是信徒住在基督裡的經歷。作者約翰在晚年時因為異端（特別是諾斯底主義 Gnosticism—推崇知識和靈異，而反對基督道成肉身及人可以與神相交）盛行而寫了此書。此書的重點著重在神的兒女因著住在耶穌基督裡而與神相交，且活出那「起初原有」的生命之道。

第四章重点：

【提示：約翰的書信雖不像保羅的書信條理邏輯分明，但是簡潔的話語中句句有能力且可能蘊含深奧的道理，所以要細讀，不要匆忙下結論或斷章取義。現在讀到第四章，弟兄姐妹應該看出約翰一書的三個重點是：“住”，“聖靈”，“愛”。這三個重點，交叉貫穿在整封信中，讀者要注意許多起承轉接之處，才不致以為作者是跳來跳去。讀第四章時，要回到前三章找出相關之處，整體來看。】

1. 分辨聖靈與謬妄的靈（3：24b – 4：6）

- 我們住在神裡面，神也住在我們裡面，這是因為我們裡面有聖靈（3：24b 是一個轉折點，帶進以下有關對謬妄之靈的分辨。）
- 不是所有的靈都從神來
- 謬妄的靈：不認耶穌是神成為肉身、屬世界的、世人所聽從的、
- 真理的靈：認耶穌是神成為肉身、不屬世界、比世界的更大、幫助我們住在基督裡、證明我們是認識神的

2. 愛是認識神的人身上的特點（7- 21）

- 神是愛
- 住在愛裡面，就住在神裡面
- 愛裡沒有懼怕
- 我們愛因為神先愛我們

查經問題（請將經文熟讀之後才思索問題）：

1. 為什麼老約翰要神的兒女分辨假先知和謬妄的靈？（請參考申命記 13：1-5，18：20-22，以西結 13：1-7 節，耶利米 23:9-30，彌加 3：5-8，及馬太 24：23-26 有關假先知的警告）
2. 神的愛如何使你彼此相愛？
3. 愛和懼怕有什麼關係？為什麼愛能除去懼怕？並非所有的所謂“愛”都有這樣的力量，你有什麼個人的體會嗎？
4. 愛神的人一定愛弟兄，為什麼呢？約翰一書為什麼這麼注重彼此相愛？這愛與聖靈有什麼關係呢？與住在神裡面有什麼關係？
5. 請分享在過去一週中，有關你們小組所訂“住在主裡面”的操練，你個人具體的見證。

Small Group Bible Study – 1 John

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(4) Chapter 4

[Note] The three points in 1 John are (1) "abiding", (2) the Spirit, and (3) love. You need to put all related verses together in order to get a complete understanding about what Apostle John says.

1. Discerning the Spirit of Truth (3:24 – 4:6)

- John introduces the Spirit as *the abiding Spirit* (3:24, 4:13)
- Holy Spirit is also the *attesting Spirit* (4:1-6), giving witness to those who are truly God's children. When a believer is abiding in Christ, the Spirit guides him and warns him of false spirits that would lead him astray.
- The false spirits belong are from the world and people of the world listen to them

2. Love is the mark of those who know God (4:7-21)

- God is love
- He who abides in love, abides in God, and God in him
- There is no fear in love
- We love because God first loved us

【Questions to reflect upon and discuss】

1. Why is there such a great need for Christians to discern the Spirit of truth and false prophets/spirits? (Refer to Deuteronomy 13:1-5, 18:20-22; Ezekiel 13:1-7; Jeremiah 23:9-30; Micah 3:5-8; Matthew 24:23-26 for scriptures regarding false prophets.)

As Christians, how can we overcome the doctrinal errors that continually confront us?

2. What test does Apostle John give us for determining whether a person's teaching is from "the Spirit of God" or the "spirit of the antichrist" (4:2-3)?

Does this mean that everyone who believes in the incarnation of Christ is "from God"? Explain.

3. How does God's love for you motivate you to love others? In what practical way can you show love this week to a brother or sister in Christ?
4. How do you explain "perfect love casts out fear"? (4:18, also refer to 2:28, 1 Peter 4:8) Do you have any personal experience about this?