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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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1 John 4

“Signs of a Genuine Work of the Spirit of God”

Revival! Lessons from the Great Awakening

- Problem = churches were “**dead asleep**” because of Prosperity / Materialism.
- Solution = proclamation of the Gospel by Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield!
- Jonathan Edwards’ sermon, “**Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,**” led to radical responses.
- How do we know if it is truly a work of the Spirit of God?
- Jonathan Edwards’ message, “*Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God*”

Setting: v. 1 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

I. Confession of Jesus Christ (1 John 4:2-3, 15; Mt. 10:32-33; 1 Cor. 12:3; 1 Jn. 5:1)

II. Rejection of the World (1 John 4:4-5; 2:15-16)

III. Regard (hunger) for Scripture (1 Jn. 4:6)

IV. Knowledge of the Truth (1 John 4:6; 1 Cor. 2:11-14)

V. Love Toward God and Toward Man (1 John 4:7ff) > Humility!

So what?

- America needs Revival and it must begin with us!
- Are you awake to God and excited about making disciples?
- Are you confessing to men that Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, sinless Savior, and coming King?
- Are you repenting of sin and turning from worldly things?
- Are you esteeming the Scriptures as the Holy Word of God?
- Are you daily growing in the knowledge of the truth from God’s Word?
- Are you growing in love toward God? Is it obvious?
- Are you growing in love toward other people? Is it obvious?
- Are you living for others or for yourself?