Our Holy Assurance Policy: The Test of Truth

Truth exists. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is The God of Truth. If there is a One True God, then there must be false gods. If there is One True Christ, then there must be false Christs. Everything cannot be true or nothing is true. Truth exists.

Truth can make some people nervous. The jitters come because if truth exists then it will always be possible to be on the side of falsehood. This can be a very scary and ego-deflating prospect. Truth naturally challenges falsehood.

The Apostle John watched as Jesus was crucified based on the lies of this world that were portrayed as truth. Little did this world know that God can squeeze HIS truth out of the midst of even the worst actions in fallen human history. This is good news – the gospel truth. If God could not have caused HIS truth to rise out of the cesspool of human failure, we would have no gospel. God can still cause his truth to rise up in the heart of anyone who will humbly bow before him. Then the Apostle John, who has seen a thing or two, gives this calling to all who receive Jesus:

 *“Dear friends, 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”*

 (1 John 4:1).

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**1 John 4:1-6**

 1 THE TEST OF FALSE PROPHETS

 Orthodoxy – Dt. 13:1-4

 Prophesy – Dt. 18:21-22

 Example – Acts 17:11

 2-3 THE TEST OF CHRIST

 Matthew 16:13-18

 1 Corinthians 12:3

 4-6 THE TEST OF OBEDIENCE

 ▪ The overcomers

 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 14; 16

 Colossians 2:15

 ▪ The lost

 ▪ Our assurance

 John 10:1-16