OUTLINE 11/01/26
Walking In Deceitful Times
1 John 4 (NIV)

[1] 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

The Deceitful…

1. **Downplay Jesus**

   [2] This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3] but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 1 John 4:2-3

2. **Distribute worldly viewpoints**

   [4] You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 1 John 4:4-5

3. **Do not listen to God**

   [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. 1 John 4:6

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WALK AS OVERCOMERS – 1 JOHN 5

How to Receive Christ:
"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

Discussion Questions:
1. What does it mean to "test the spirits?"
2. According to John, what does "not acknowledging Jesus" indicate?
3. What "viewpoints of the world" are popular today?
4. Why is listening to God important?