

“Warning, Warning!”

Like a father who loves his family, John warns believers about the wolves, all the while encouraging the flock in loving tones.

I. **TO THE _____ BELOVED.** (vv. 18, 27-29)

A. You're _____. (v. 18a)

B. You're _____! (v. 18b)

Where do these frauds come from? From inside the professing church. They pass themselves off as sincere and orthodox, when they must be tested and exposed as false.

C. You're _____. (vv. 20, 27)

Knowledge of Christ and the gospel did not belong to leadership or an elite group. It was for all.

D. You're _____. (vv. 21, 24-25)

E. Your _____. (vv. 28-29)

CONCLUSION:

The true child of God will pass this doctrinal test, as well as the moral and relational ones. We must love him supremely and press on in faith faithfully.