**2/16/25 The Spirit 1 John 4:1-4**

* Each one of us has at least one spirit that dominates our lives.
* Whatever spirit that you feed the most controls you.
* We thank God for providing us with the Holy Spirit at our conversion.

**1. How are you handling yourself in society?**

* The true children of God turn their worries over to God.
* We must trust in Jesus and allow His Spirit to rule and guide our lives.
* In order to maintain a closer relationship with God, we must be obedient, submit to the truth and function together in love.
* The enemy cannot sever our relationship with God, but he can disrupt our fellowship with Him.
* We must be able to discern truth from error.

**1 John 4:1,4; 2 Corinthians 11:14**

**2. We must improve on our relationship with God.**

* Studying for yourself is the best way to grow closer to the Spirit of God.
* Jesus tells us that not everyone that calls Him Lord will enter the kingdom.
* The spirit of antichrist is strong in the world today.
* When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

**1 John 4:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 7:21; John 16:13**

**3. We must become over-comers!**

* We are sealed by the Holy Spirit, we can say, greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world!
* Those that are genuine Christians, show evidence that salvation has actually occurred.
* If we are to share Christ’s glory, we must also share His suffering.

**1 John 4:4; Romans 8:17; Romans 12:1-2**

**Upcoming Events**

Women’s Tea planning meeting after worship today.

St. James Baptist Church, 104 Wisenbaker Lane, Tuesday, February 18th, 7 PM. Pastor Adams will be preaching, the deacons are needed to lead devotion, the choir to sing, and ushers to serve.

Wear red next Sunday, February 23rd in recognition of heart awareness.

Church Conference Tuesday, February 25, 7 PM.

The food pantry will be opened Thursday, February 27 from 3-5 PM.

The SGMBA Zoom Christian Leadership School, **Survey of Romans,** Instructor: Min. Joyce Rainge, March 3-7; **Introduction to Discipleship**, Instructor Pastor Ronald Wrice, Thursdays only, March 27-April 24th, **Experiencing God, Part 2**, Instructor Sis. Michelle Adams, March 17th, 18th, and 20th. All classes are from 6-8 PM nightly. Registration closes February 21st.

Back to School and Cookout Planning Meeting, Sunday, March 9th after the worship service.

**Thought for the Week**: Never look at only what you have right now. Consider what it can become. God is able!