

Don't Believe Everything You Hear

1st John 4:1-6

(series #18)

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 - A. The world loves error
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Conclusion: 1st Thessalonians 5:21