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1 John 4:6

Taken out of context, John's statement could sound like the height of arrogance. We must view it, however, in the light of several non-negotiable truths: 1) Jesus' words and deeds are vitally important and must be distinguished from all other systems of belief, and 2) in His grace and wisdom, God provided apostolic witnesses to ensure that those words and deeds would be communicated accurately to future generations. Given that, how could He say otherwise?

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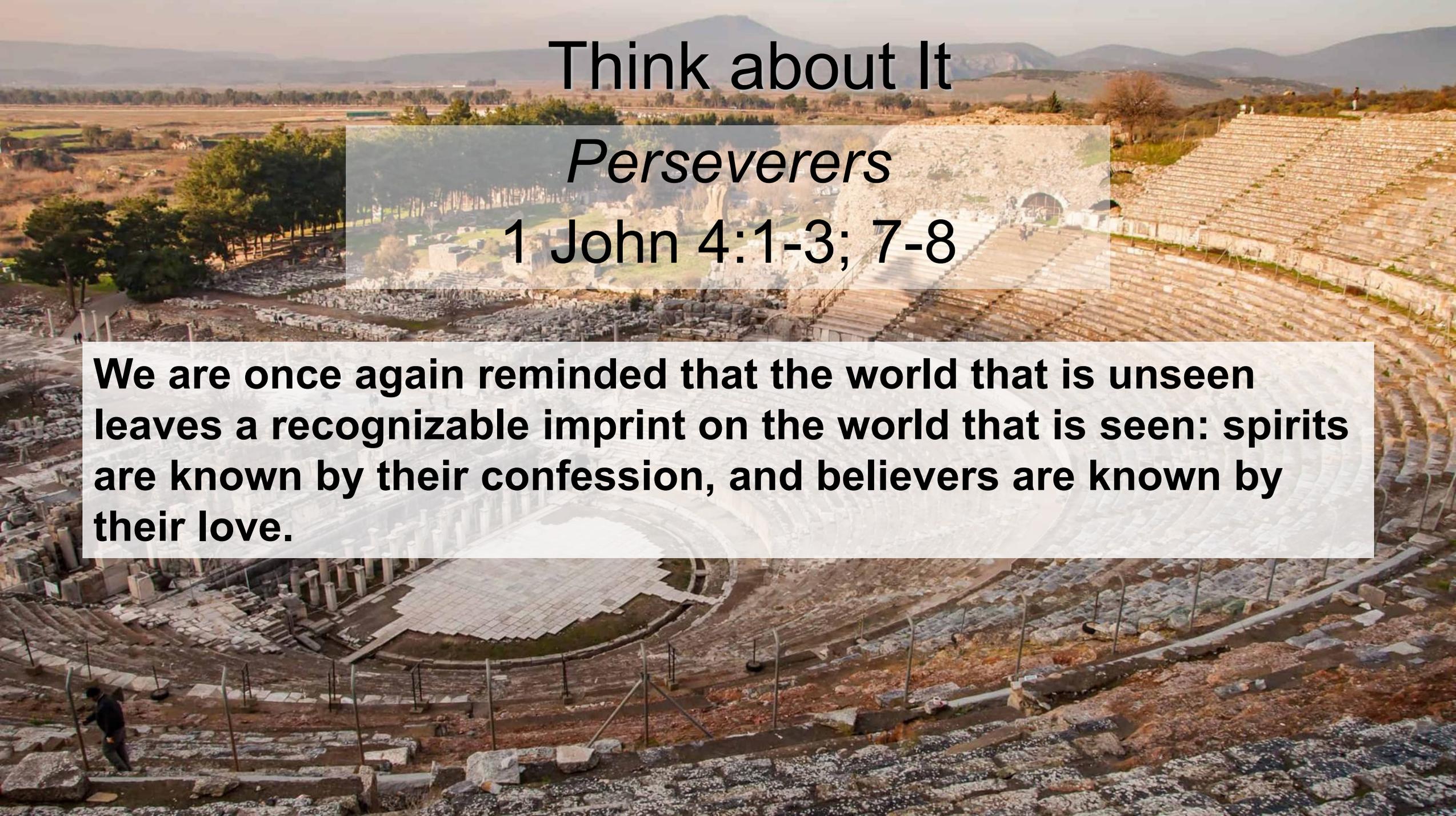
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We are once again reminded that the world that is unseen leaves a recognizable imprint on the world that is seen: spirits are known by their confession, and believers are known by their love.