

## 1 John: The Signs of Life

## 1:1-2:2 Summary (“Fellowship”)

- 1:1-4, Objective: Fellowship
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## 2:3-5:12, Exposition (“Know”)

## 2:3-28, First Cycle

- :3-6, Righteousness
- :7-17, Love
- :18-28, Belief

## 2:29-4:6, Second Cycle

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- 4:7-5:1, Love and Belief
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## 5:13-22, Closing Summary and Exhortation

# The First Cycle of Signs

## Things to Look For

- What is the relation between having eternal life, knowing God, and being in Christ?
- What is the relation between being in Christ and abiding in Christ?
- Why does John emphasize “abiding in Christ” while Paul emphasizes “being in Christ”?
- What is a vocative, and why should you care?
- What is old and what is new about the commandment to love one another?

## “In Christ” in the Upper Room Discourse

Jhn 14:9 ... Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

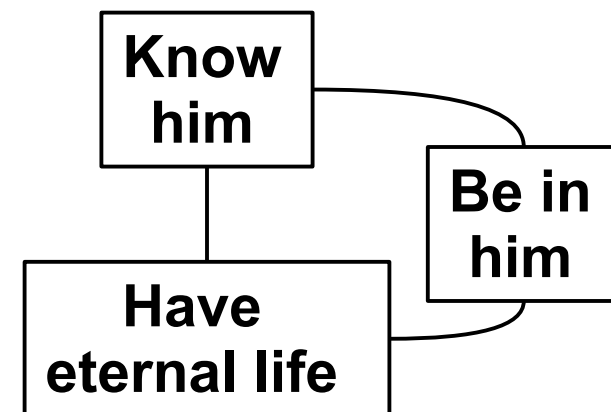
Jhn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

Jhn 14:20 At that day ye shall know that **I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.**

### Synthesis:

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may **know him** that is true, and **we are in him** that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and **eternal life.**

:3a <b>hereby we do know that we know [have known] him</b>		:5b <b>hereby know we that we are in him</b>
:3b (we know him) if we <b>keep his commandments</b>		:5a whoso <b>keepeth his word</b> , in him is the love of God perfected
:4 he that saith ... and keepeth not ... is a liar		



# “In Christ” in Paul

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 16:7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were **in Christ** before me.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful **in Christ Jesus**:

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **in him**.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **in Christ**: 4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**. 7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; ... 11 **In whom** also we have obtained been made an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted **in Christ**. 13 **In whom** ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom** also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

# Triple Claims

## If we say ...

1:6-7 Deliberate Sin:  
 “we have fellowship,”  
 and walk in darkness  
 1:8-9 Discovered  
 Sin: “we have no sin”  
 1:10-2:2 Dark Sin:  
 “we have not sinned

## He that saith ...

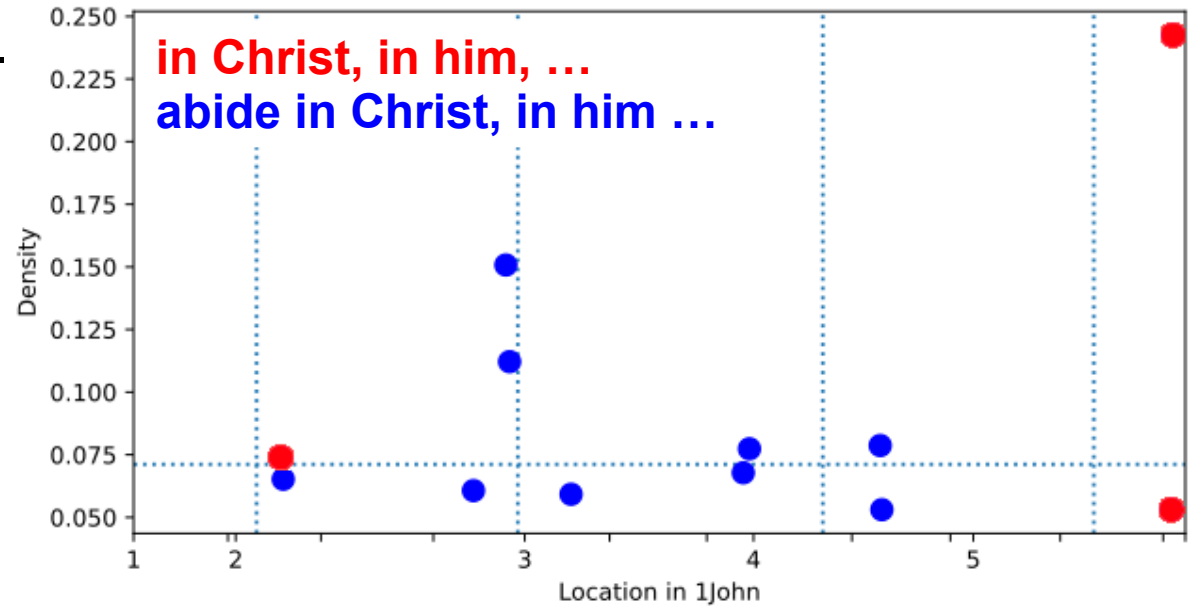
2:4 “I know him”  
 and keepeth not his  
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 him, ought ... to  
 walk ...  
 2:9 he is in the light,  
 and hateth his  
 brother ...

1:6 <b>If we say</b> that we have fellowship with him,	2:4 <b>He that saith</b> , I know [have known] him,	2:6 <b>He that saith</b> he abideth in him	2:9 <b>He that saith</b> he is in the light,
and walk in darkness,	and keepeth not his commandments,	ought himself also to walk, even as he walked	and hateth his brother,
we lie,	is a liar,		is in darkness even until now.
and do not the truth:	and the truth is not in him.		

# In Christ ... Abide μένω *menō* G3306 in Christ

Jhn 15:4 **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide in me**. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye **abide in me**, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I **am εἰμί in the Father**, and **the Father in me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but **the Father that dwelleth μένω in me**, he doeth the works.



1 John 2:9 He that saith he is **in the light**, and hateth his brother, is **in darkness** even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother **abideth in the light**, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is **in darkness**, and **walketh in darkness**, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

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## John 15

### King James Version

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

What is done with fruitless branches and to branches that bear fruit by the Father?

(T or F) Jesus taught one must abide in him as a branch abides in the vine to be fruitful.

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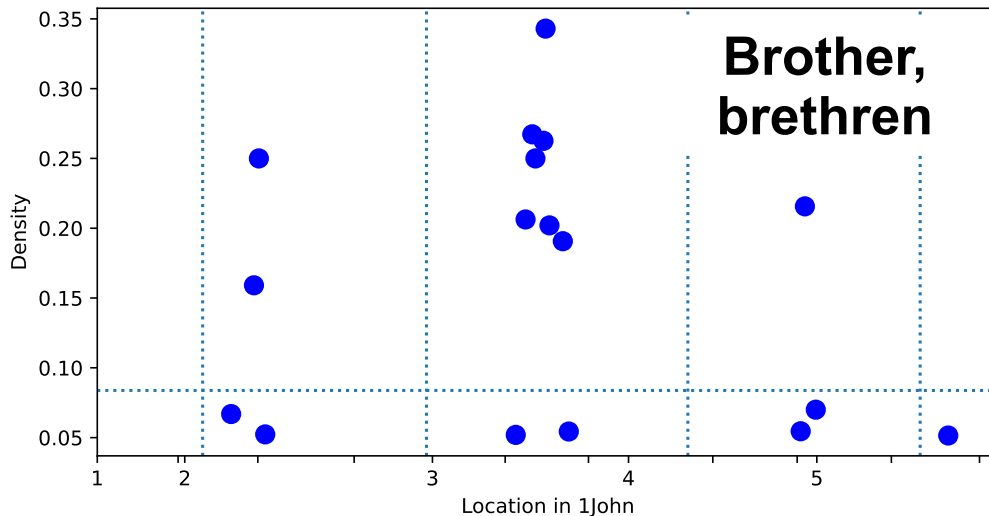
7-8, Summary

- New Commandment
- Light

9-11, **Love** the Brethren

12-14, Assurance of their Faith

15-17, **Love Not** the World



Mat 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and **all ye are brethren**. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

## The New-Old Commandment

Jhn 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; **as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another.

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour **as thyself**: I am the LORD.

2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a **new commandment** unto thee, but **that which we had from the beginning**, that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.