

## 1 John: The Signs of Life

1 Jn 2:8-14

### 1:1-2:2 Summary (“Fellowship”)

- 1:1-4, Objective: Fellowship
- 1:5-2:2, Obstacle: Sin

### 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

- 2:29-3:10, Righteousness
- 3:11-24, Love

## 2:7-17, The Sign of Love

### 7-8, Summary

- New Commandment
- Light

### 9-11, Love the Brethren

### 12-14, Assurance of their Faith

### 15-17, Love Not the World

# The First Cycle of Signs

## Things to Look For

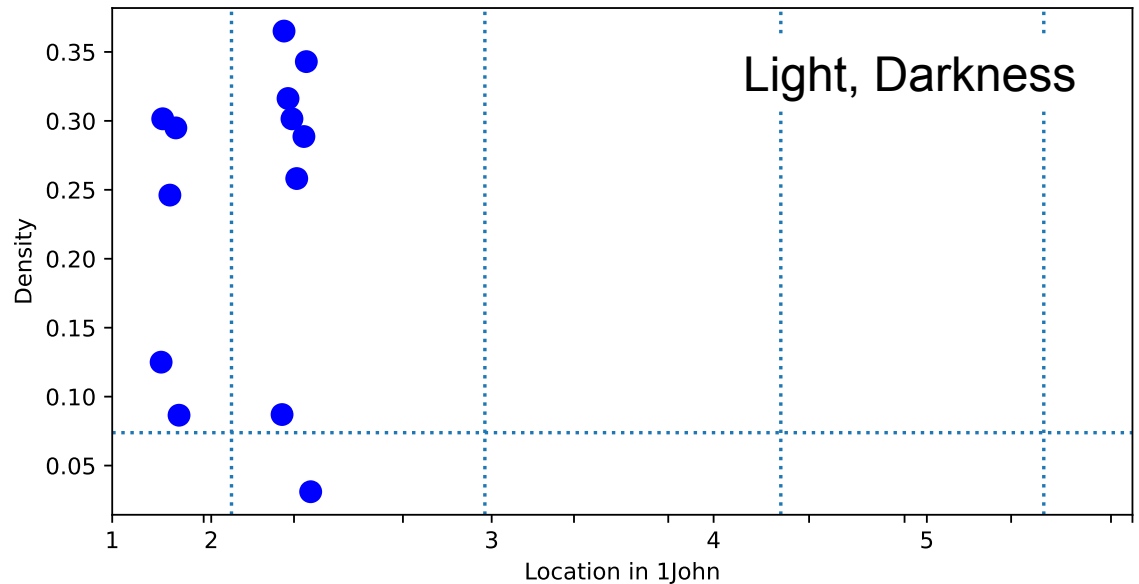
- What “thing is true in him and in you” (2:8)?
- What is “the true light” that “now shineth”?
- How do we “walk in the light”?
- What behavior distinguishes abiding in the light from walking in darkness?
- What privilege does every believer enjoy?
- What does it mean to “know him that is from the beginning”?

# Light and Darkness in 1 John

**2:8 the darkness is passing away, and the true light is now shining**

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light**, and in him is no **darkness** at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in **darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the **light**, as he is in the **light**, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because **he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives** for the brethren.



1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, **if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.**

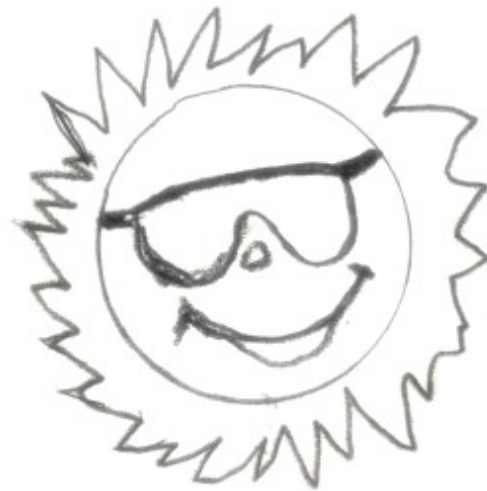
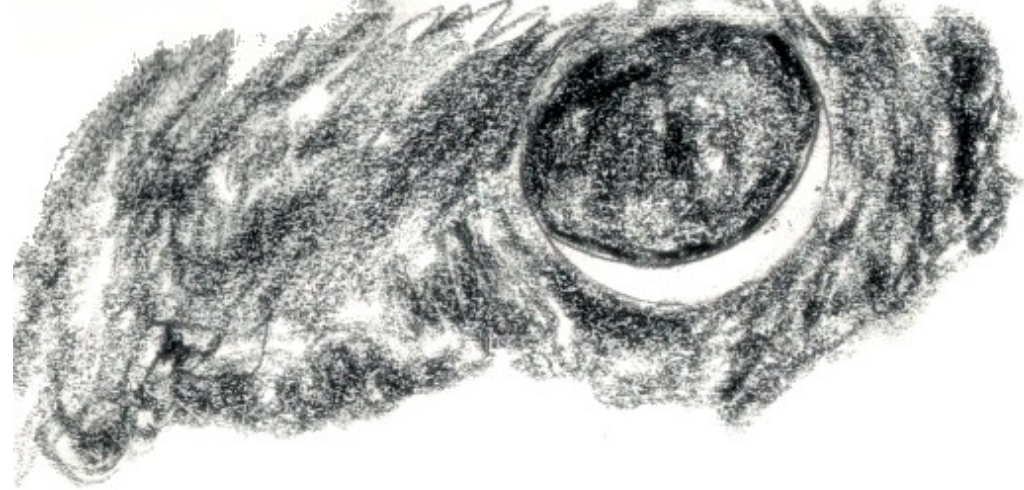
# 2:9-11 Love the Brethren

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.		

<b>Loving in the Light</b>	<b>Hating in the Darkness</b>
9a He that saith he <b>is in the light</b> ...	9b ... <b>is in darkness</b>
10 He that <b>loveth</b> his brother	11 But he that <b>hateth</b> his brother
<b>abideth</b> in the light,	<b>is in darkness</b> , and <b>walketh</b> in darkness,
and there is none occasion of <b>stumbling</b>	and <b>knoweth not whither he goeth</b> ,
in <del>him</del> <b>it</b> [the light]	because <b>that darkness</b> hath blinded his eyes.

Rom 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

Jhn 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.



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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.

- 1) what means may we know that we are in the light?
- 2) What do we avoid if we abide in the light?
- 3) Can you tell three things about the person who hates his brother?

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# 2:12-14 Assurance

	2:12-13a	2:13b-14
Little Children	12 your <b>sins are forgiven</b> you for his name's sake	13c ye have <b>known the Father</b>
Fathers	13a ye have <b>known him that is from the beginning</b>	14a ye have <b>known him that is from the beginning</b>
Young Men	<b>13b ye have overcome the wicked one</b>	14b ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, <b>and ye have overcome the wicked one</b>

## Two Stages of Maturity

1 Tim 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. ... 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

1 Pet 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort ... 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:

## 12 Sins Forgiven for his Name's Sake

Exo 34:5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and **proclaimed the name of the LORD.**

6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God,

merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, Forgiving [bearing] iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Psa 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

## 13c Ye have known the Father

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and **your sins have hid his face from you**, that he will not hear.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly **our fellowship is with the Father**, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

## 13a Knowing him that is from the beginning

Php 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of **the knowledge γνῶσις of Christ Jesus my Lord: ... 10 That I may know γινώσκω him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.