

1 John: The Signs of Life

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
- 4:1-6, Belief

4:7-5:12, Third Cycle

- 4:7-5:1, Love and Belief
- 5:2-5, Love, Righteousness, and Belief
- 5:6-12, Witnesses to Love, Righteousness, and Belief

5:13-22, Closing Summary and Exhortation

The First Cycle of Signs

Things to Look For

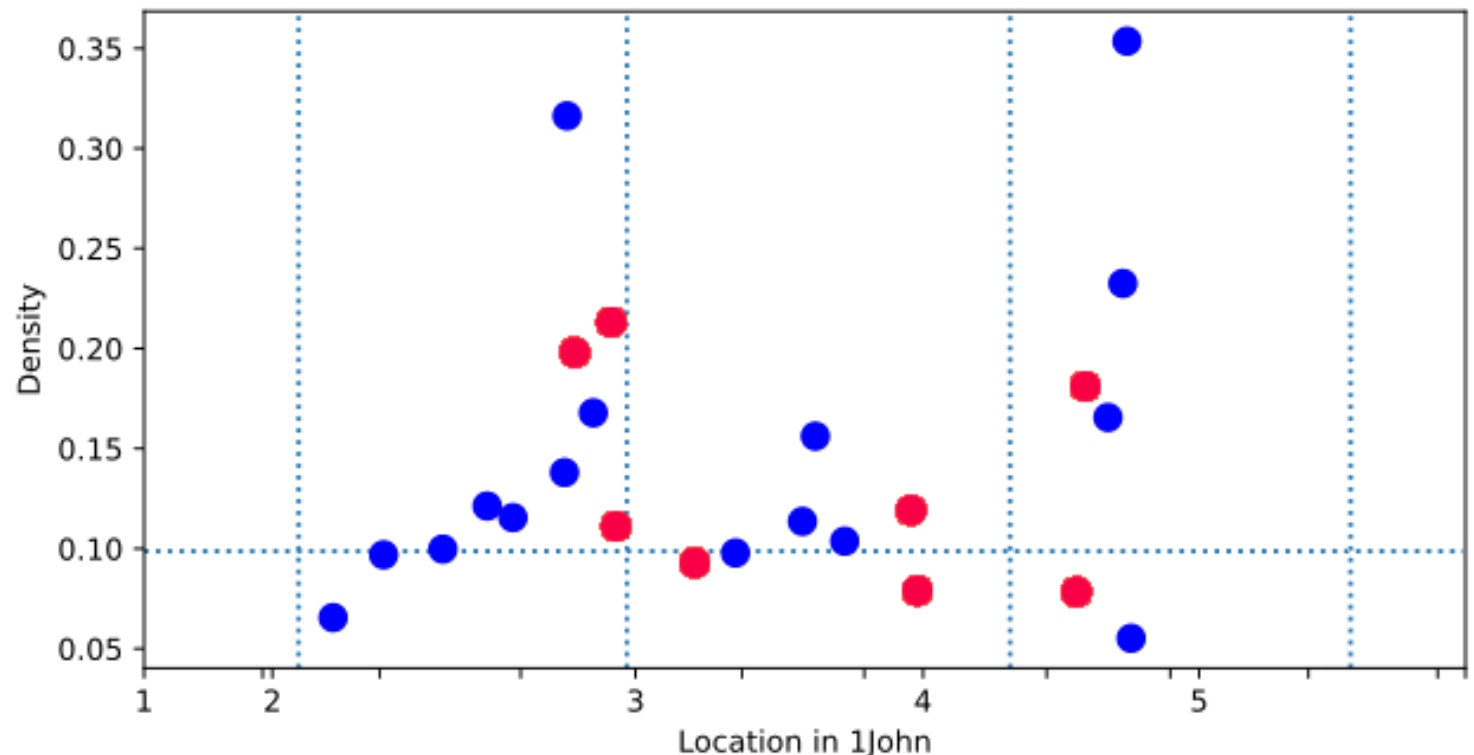
- What two reasons does John give not to love the world?
- How many contrasts can you find between 2:18-23 and 2:25-28?
- Who are coming, and how should we respond to each of them?
- What is the relation between abiding in Christ and staying in an assembly?
- What is the anointing (2:20, 27a)?
- How does the Spirit help us deal with false teaching?
- How can we “know all things” without need for a teacher?

2:17 The World Passes Away ...

Jhn 12:31 Now is the judgment of this **world**: now shall the prince of this **world** be cast out.

1Co 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; 30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; 31 And they that use this **world**, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this **world** passeth away.

“Abide” (μένω *menō*
G3306) in 1 John.
Red = “abide in
Christ”



2:18-28, The Sign of Belief

Theme	First Panel		Second Panel
Someone coming	18, Antichrist shall come		28, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming .
Abiding μένω <i>menō</i> G3306 with the assembly vs. Christ	19 they went out, [did not] continue <i>menō</i> with us		27 ye shall abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him;
Divine Unction/Anointing χρῖσμα <i>chrisma</i> G5545 brings knowledge	20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.		27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you,
John's letter counters deception	21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.		26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce [deceive] you.
Doctrine at stake: relation of the Son and the Father	22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son . 23 Whosoever denieth the Son , the same hath not the Father :		24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son , and in the Father . 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

2:18, 28b, The Coming Ones

2:18, The Coming Antichrist

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of **abominations** he shall make it **desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. [cf. Dan 11:31; 12:11]

2Th 2:7 For the **mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2:28 Not be ashamed ...at his Coming

Matt 24:37-39, the days of Noah

Matt 24:43-44, watching for the thief

Matt 24:45-51, the faithful and wise servant

Matt 25:1-13, the ten virgins

Matt 25:15-30, the talents.

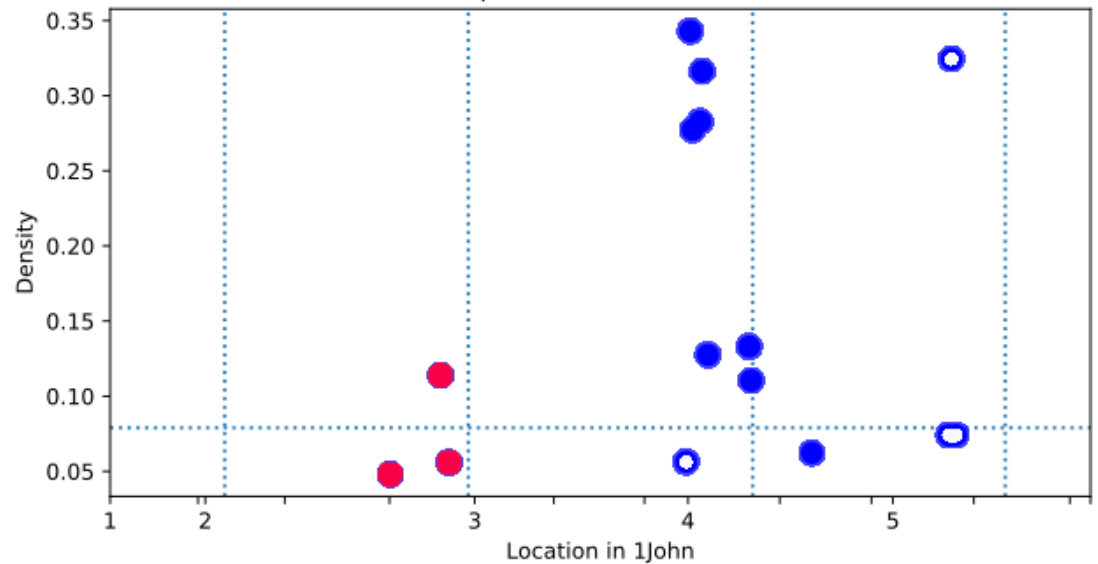
Unction (2:20) = Anointing
(2:27a) = χρῖσμα *chrisma*
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Relation to Holy Spirit

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and **anointed** him in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit of the LORD** came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Isa 61:1 The **Spirit of the Lord** GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath **anointed** me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (quoted by Christ of himself, Lk 4:18)

2:20, 27a, The Divine Anointing



Unction, anointing (red) and spirit (blue) in 1John. Solid = belief sections

Anointing and Assurance

1Jn 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Eph 1:13 ... in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The Spirit and our Knowledge

2:20 ye know **all things**

Jhn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring **all things** to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jhn 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into **all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

2:27 the anointing ... abideth in you

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 [abideth] with you, and shall be in you.**

Ezk 36:27 And I will **put my spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

1 John's Positional Statement	In Practice ...
2:20 ye know all things	1 Cor 13:12 now I know in part
2:27 ye need not that any man teach you	Heb 5:12 ye have need that one teach you again
2:13, 14, fathers have known Christ	Php 3:10 that I may know him
2:13, 14, young men have overcome the wicked one (perfect tense)	Rev 2-3, 21:7 "overcome" is present tense

2:27 **ye** need not that any man teach **you**

The Duty of Individual Judgment

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received** the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched** the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 **Despise not** prophesyings. 21 **Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.

1Co 14:29 **Let the prophets speak** two or three, and let the other **judge**.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

The Didactic Resources of the Local Assembly

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted **by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1Co 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For **ye may all prophesy one by one**, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

1Pe 5:1 The elders **which are among you** I exhort, ... 2 Feed the flock of God **which is among you**, ...