

The First Cycle of Signs

Things to Look For

- 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?
- Why is deception prominent both in ch. 1 and in the belief section of ch. 2?
- How can we escape Satan’s deception?
- What key doctrine do the false teachers deny?
- What technique does John give to help us abide in Christ?

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

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		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, ye shall abide in him.
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.

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, an ongoing process

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**, ...



1 John 2:27

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, ye shall abide in him.

Why is there no need for any man to teach a believer?

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2:21, 26, Countering Deception

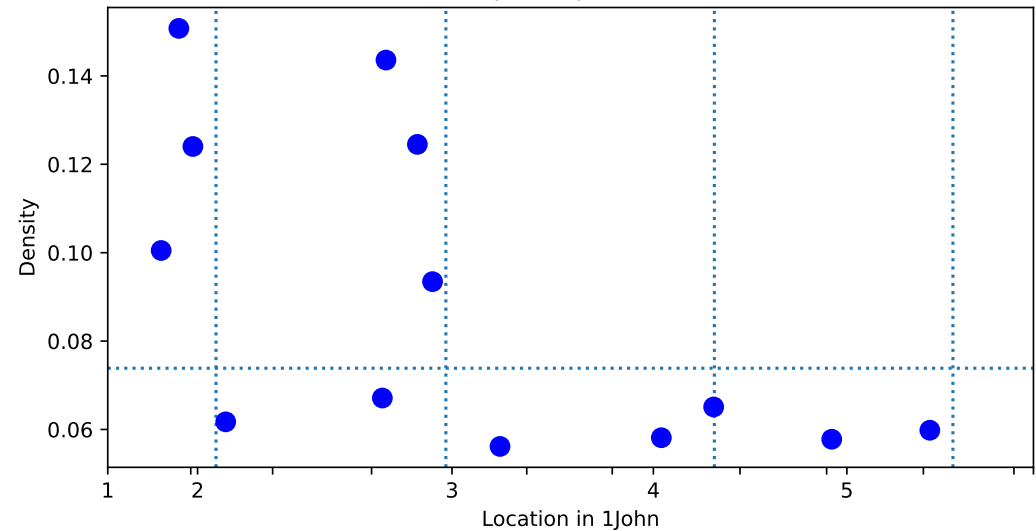
Satan's Deception

Jhn 8:44 When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the **working of Satan** with all power and signs and **lying** wonders, 10 And with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved.

Our Primary Defense

Jhn 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.



Words for deception in 1 John: ψεύδομαι *pseudomai* G5574 “deceive,” πλανάω *planaō* G4105 “lead astray,” ψεύστης *pseustēs* G5543 “liar,” ψεῦδος *pseudos* G5579 “lie,” ψευδοπροφήτης *pseudoprofētēs* G5578 “false prophet,” πλάνη *planē* G4106 “error”

2:22-23, 24-25, The Doctrine at Stake

Jesus is the Christ (anointed)

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his **anointed**, ...
7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art **my Son**; this day have I begotten thee.

The Essential Deity of the Lord Jesus

Jhn 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am he**, ye shall die in your sins.

Jhn 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**.

Having God

Psa. 73:26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and **my portion** for ever.

Psa 16:5 The LORD is the portion of **mine inheritance** and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

Jer 31:33 but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and **will be their God**, and they shall be my people.

The Abiding Word

Jhn 15:7 If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Jhn 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth** on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.