

The First Cycle of Signs

Things to Look For

- What key doctrine do the false teachers deny?
- What technique does John give to help us abide in Christ?
- What are some key words that mark the “righteousness” element in the second panel?
- Contrast how righteousness is defined in the first two panels.
- To whom do “he” and “him” refer in 2:29?
- Can a person be righteous without being born again? Why or why not?

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 seducer [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.

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

Jesus is the Christ (the 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**.

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

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

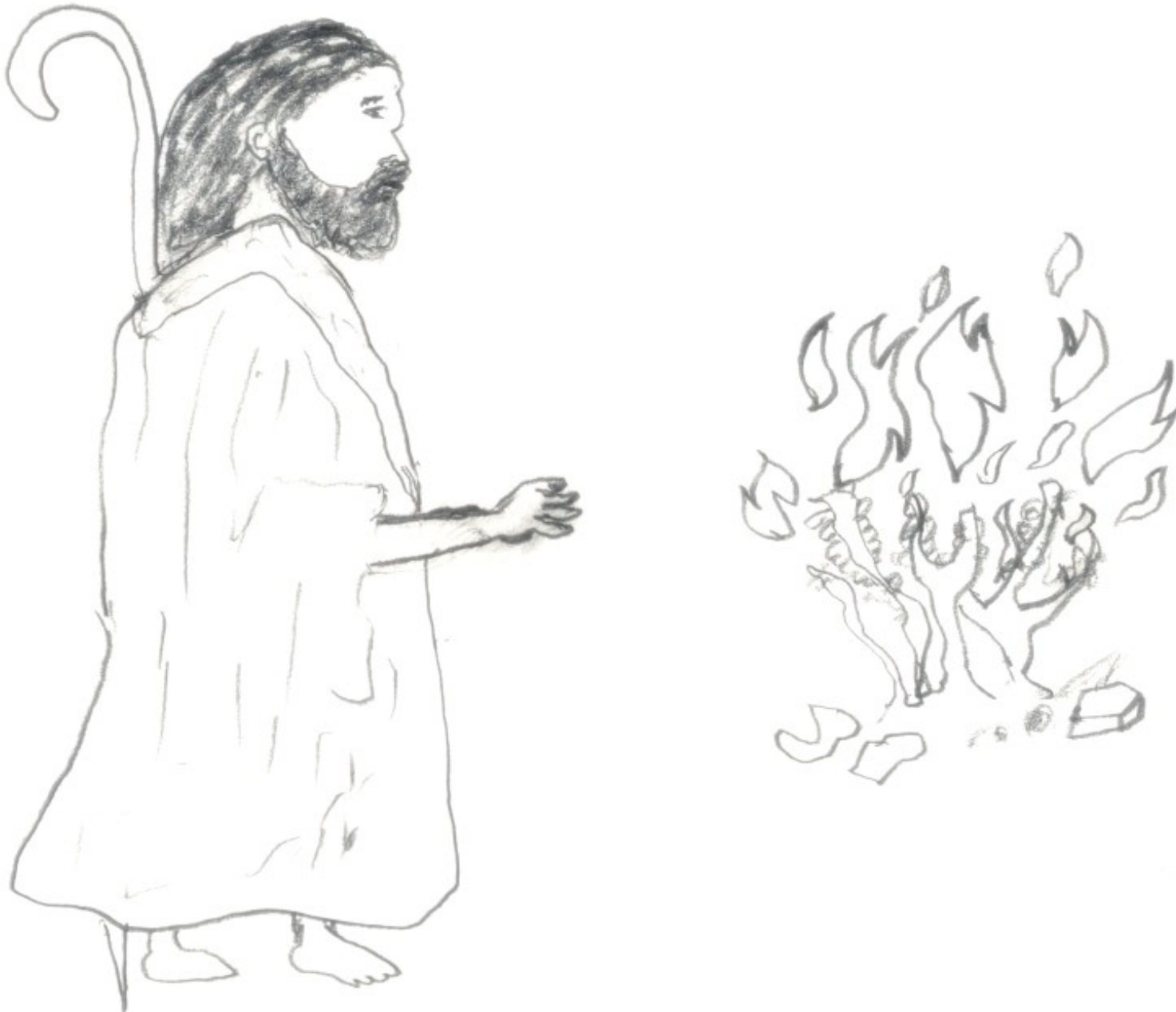
Jhn 15:7 If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

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.

Exodus 3

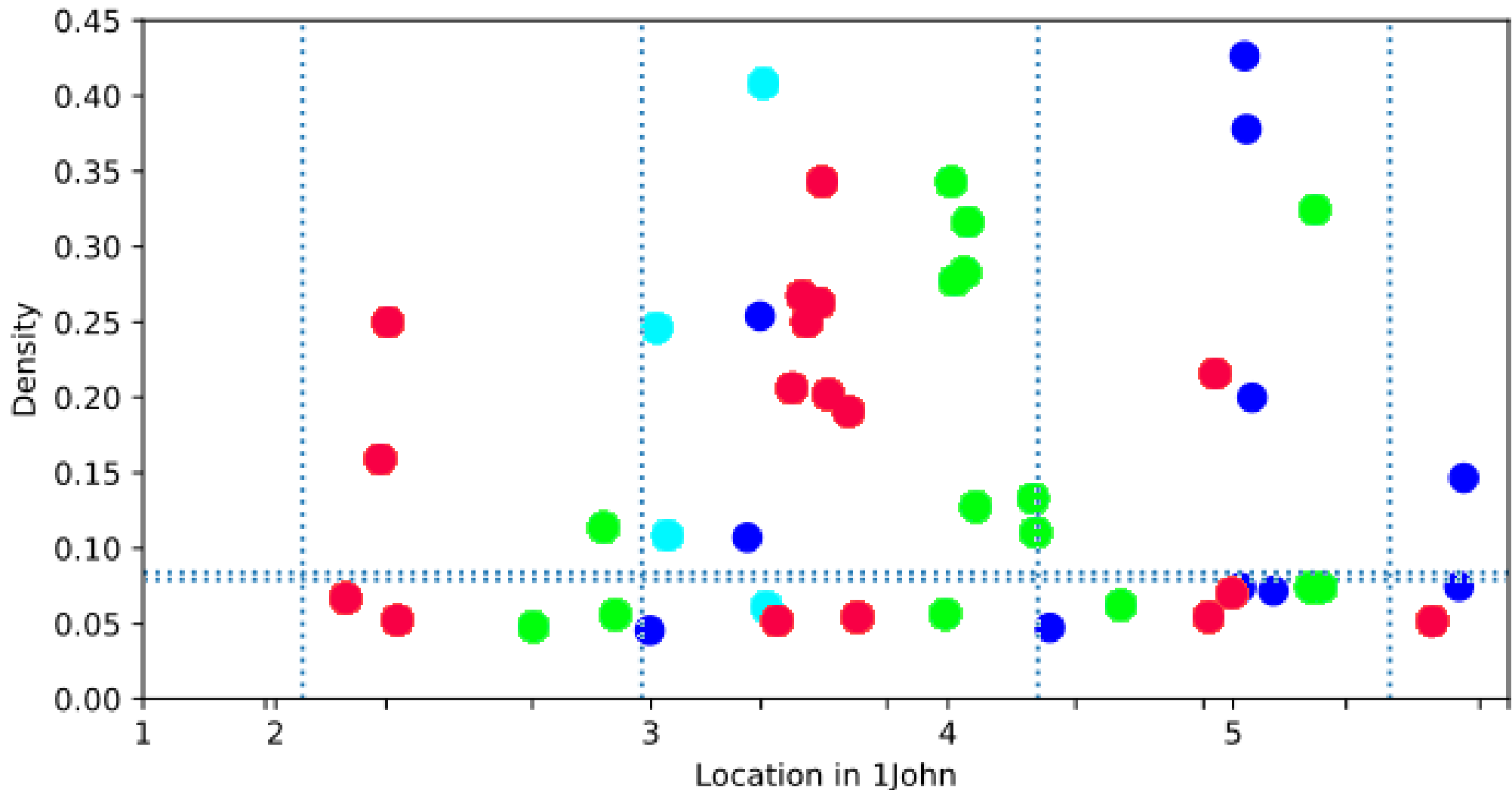
2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Who appeared to him there and how?



Vocabulary in the Second Panel

Verses	Sign	Vocabulary
2:29-3:10	Righteousness	Children (of God), begotten
3:11-24	Love	Brother, brethren
4:1-6	Belief	Anointing (ch. 2), spirit (elsewhere)



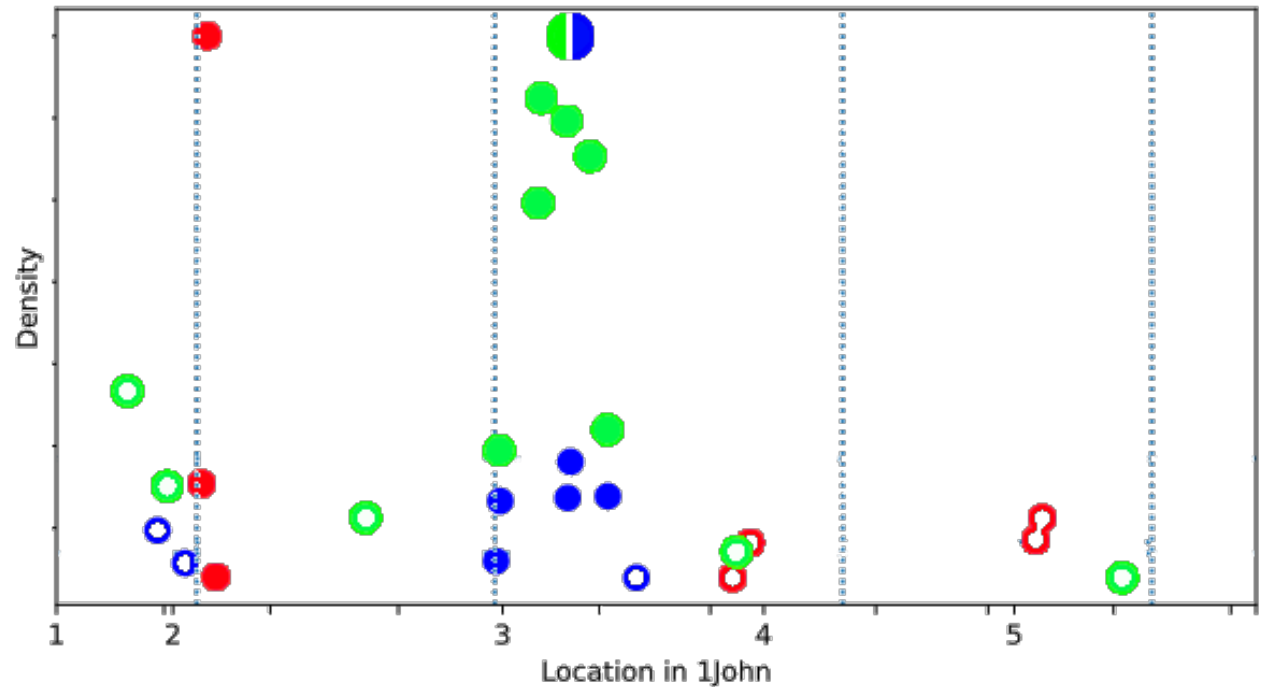
Defining Righteousness in the First Two Panels

Righteous(ness) (δίκαιος *dikaios* G1342,
δικαιοσύνη *dikaiosunē* G1343)

Keeping (τηρέω *tēreō* G5083) God's
commandments or word

Doing (ποιέω *poieō* G4160)

Solid points: righteousness
sections



- First panel:
righteousness defined
by *keeping the law*
- Second panel:
righteousness defined
by *our relation to a
person*

Paragraph	Standard of Righteousness
2:9-3:1	The Father
3:2-6	The Son
3:7-9	The Devil and his Children

2:29 “he is righteous”

The Righteousness of Christ

Jhn 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin?

Mat 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of **this just [righteous] person**: see ye to it.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin**.

The Righteousness of God

Psa 40:10 I have not hid thy **righteousness** within my heart;

I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:

Psa 71:15 My mouth shall shew forth thy **righteousness** and thy salvation all the day;

Psa 98:2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his **righteousness** hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

Jer 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

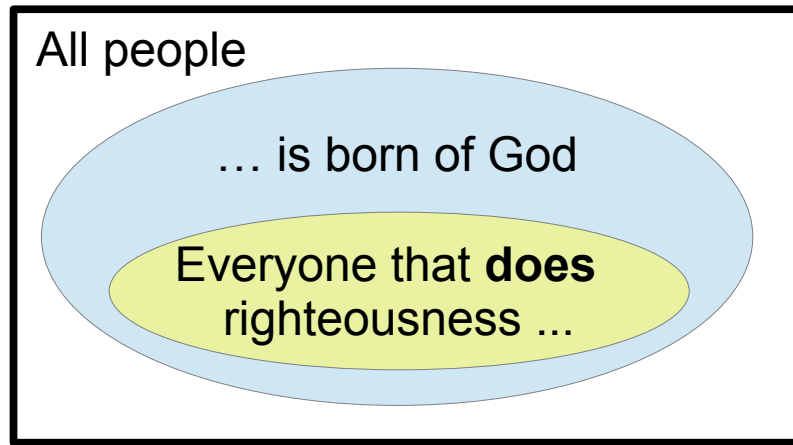
Imputed Righteousness

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.

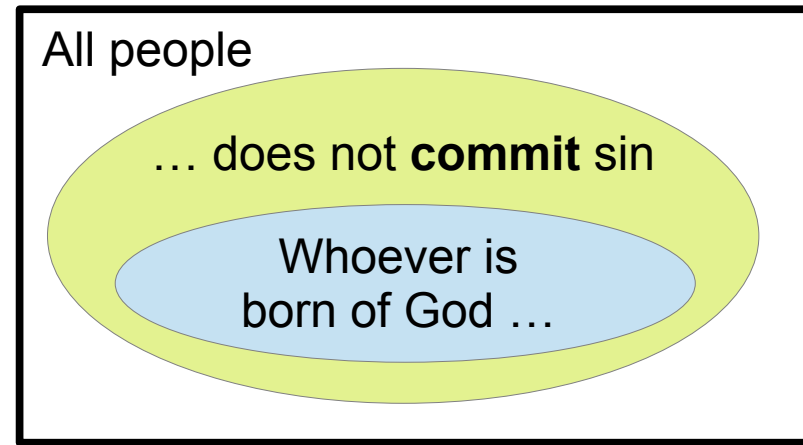
Practical Righteousness

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.

Practical Righteousness and the New Birth



2:29 ... every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.



3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; ...

What is True Righteousness?

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; ...

Php 3:6 touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.