

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 Panel

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

2:29-4:6, Second Panel

- 2:29-3:10, Righteousness
- 3:11-24, Love
- 4:1-6, Belief

4:7-5:12, Third Panel

- 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 Second Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- What is the real meaning of "transgress the law" in 3:4?
- What does the plural "sins" in 3:5 suggest about the Lord's work in us?
- What does the name "Devil" mean, and what does it have to do with knowing that we have eternal life?
- What deception does John have in mind in warning (3:7), "Let no man deceive you"?
- What common principle does John point out in the Father and the Devil?
- What are the works of the Devil (3:8)?
- What is the relation between Christ's manifestation in 3:5 and 3:8?

Standards of Righteousness

2:29-3:10, Righteousness

2:29-3:1, The Father **Defines** Righteousness

- Righteousness = family resemblance

(3:1 the **world** knoweth us not)

Vocative: "Beloved"

3:2-6, The Son **Manifests** Righteousness

- Our Example & Redeemer
- Past, present, future

Vocative: "Little Children"

3:7-10, The Devil **Opposes** Righteousness

- Sin = family resemblance

(3:9 **whoever is born of God doth not commit sin**)

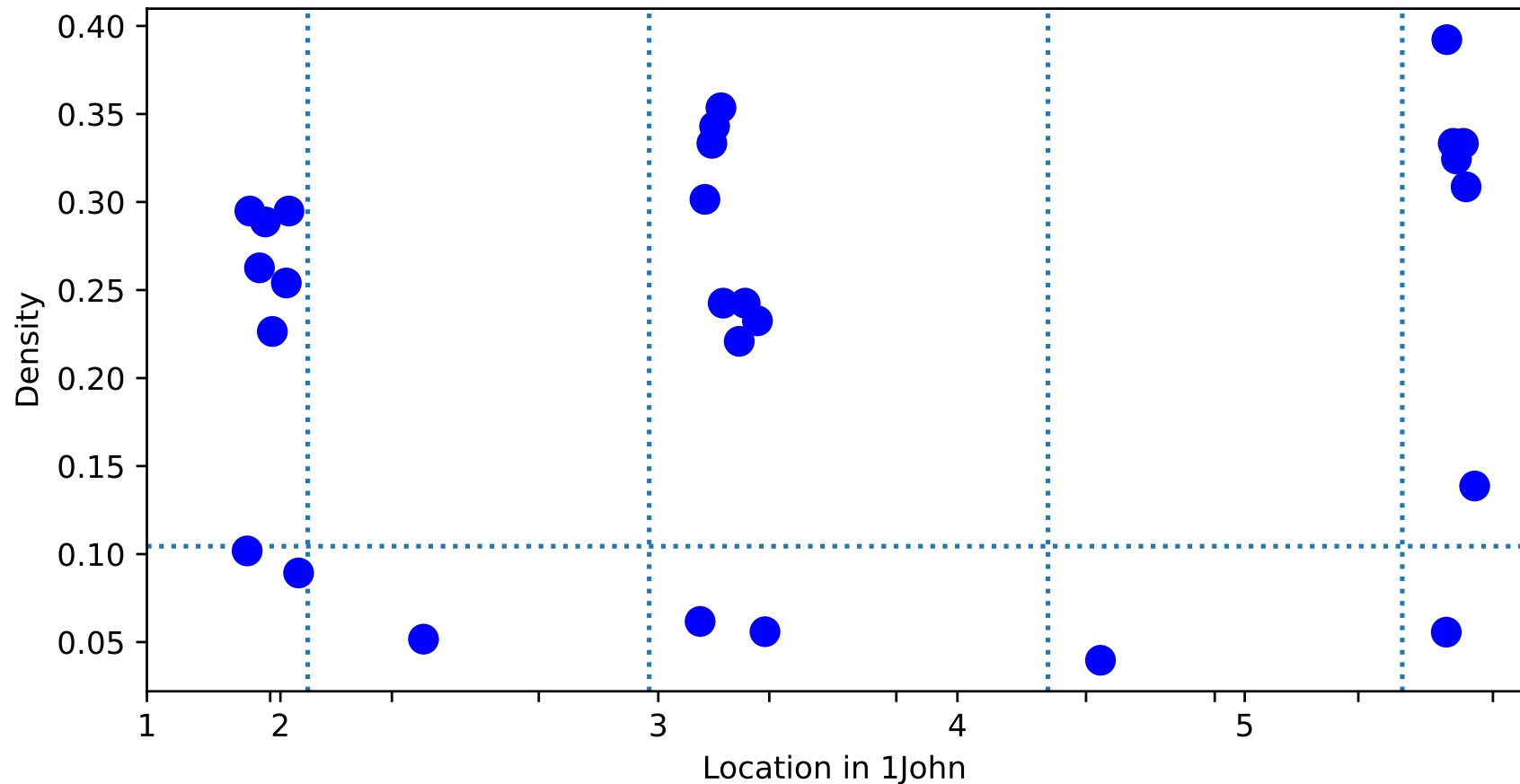
2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons [children] of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved**, now are we the sons [children] of God, and it doth not yet **appear** what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall **appear**, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth **sin** transgresseth also the law: for **sin** is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was **manifested** to take away our **sins**; and in him is no **sin**. 6 Whosoever abideth in him **sinneth** not: whosoever **sinneth** hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 **Little children**, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are **manifest**, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

3:5 He Was Manifested to Take Away our Sins



Sin (noun ἁμαρτία *hamartia* G266; verb ἁμαρτάνω *hamartanō* G264) in 1 John

1Jn 1:7 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 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous: 2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Sin and the Manifestation of Christ

**3:4 sin is the transgression of the law
[*a-nomia* lawlessness]**

1Jn 5:17 All **unrighteousness** [*a-dikia*] is sin.

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in **unrighteousness**.

3:5 manifested to take away our sins

Matt 1:21 thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall **save his people from their sins**.

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.

and in him is no sin

Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

3:6b Summary

Whosoever sinneth

- hath not **seen** him →

- neither **known**
γινώσκω
ginōskō G1097
him →

3:2b and it doth not yet **appear** what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall **appear**, we shall be like him; for **we shall see him** as he is.

3:6a
Whosoever **abideth in him** sinneth not:

2:29-3:10, Righteousness

2:29-3:1, The Father **Defines**
Righteousness

- Righteousness = family resemblance

(3:1 the **world** knoweth us not)

Vocative: "Beloved"

3:2-6, The Son **Manifests**
Righteousness

- Our Example & Redeemer
- Past, present, future

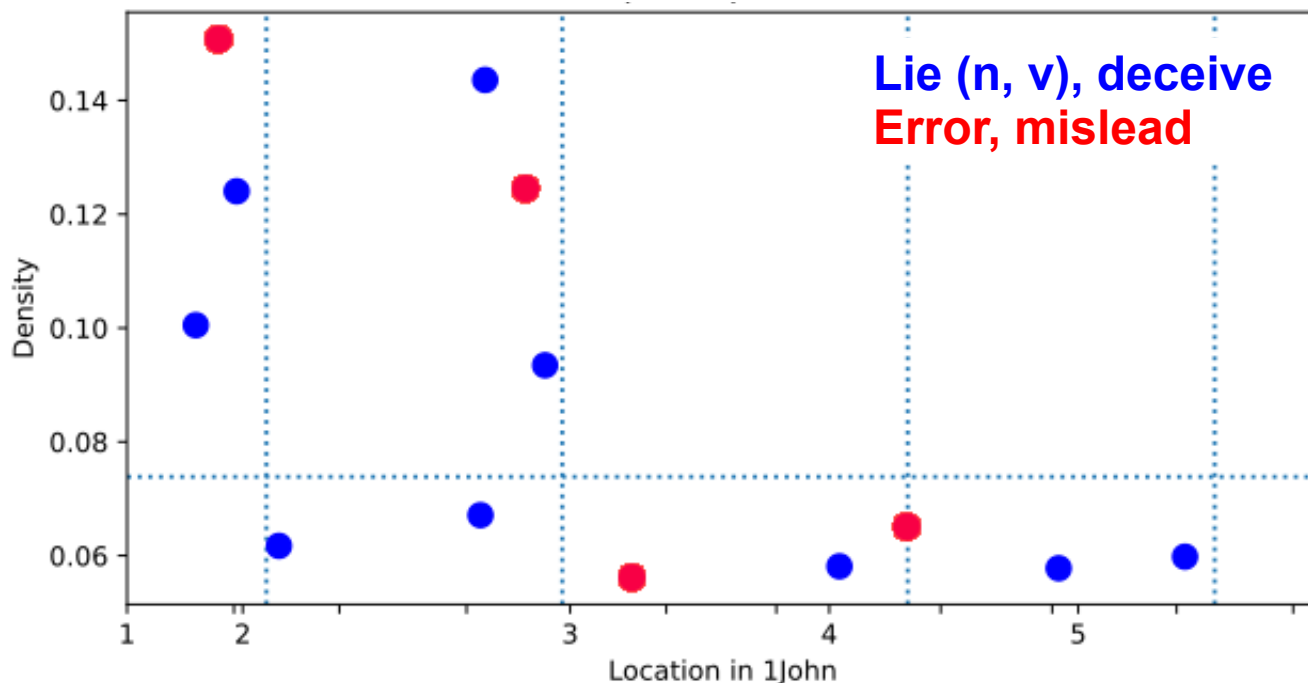
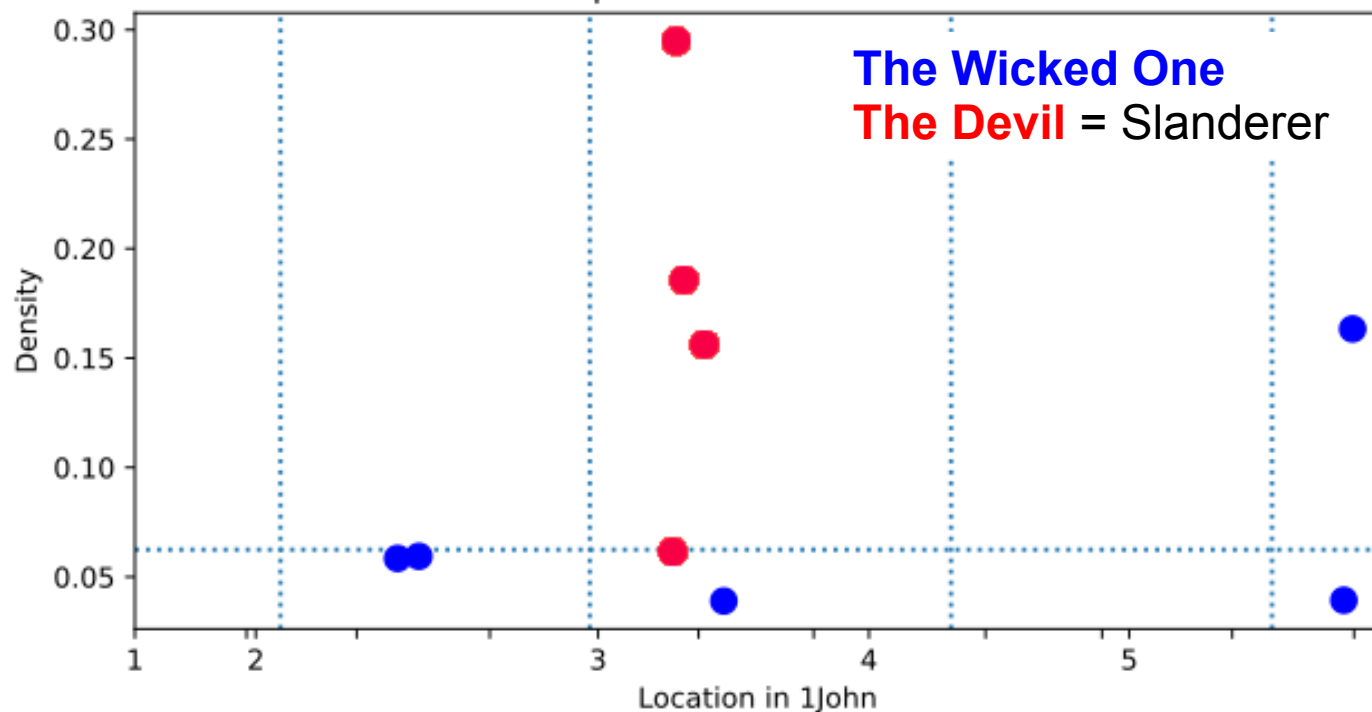
Vocative: "Little Children"

3:7-10, The Devil **Opposes**
Righteousness

- Sin = family resemblance

(3:9 whoever is **born of God** doth not commit sin)

3:7-10, The Devil Opposes Righteousness



**3:7 Let no man
deceive you**

1:6 we **lie** ... 8 ... we
deceive ourselves ... 10
... we make him a **liar**
[sin doesn't matter]

2:21 no **lie** is of the
truth. 22 Who is a **liar**?
... 27 the anointing ... is
no **lie** [the human Jesus
is not the divine Christ]

Like Father, Like Son

	The Father		The Devil, 3:8
	2:29	3:7b	
Personal Characteristic	He is righteous even as he is righteous	... The devil sinneth from the beginning
Family Resemblance	... Every one that doeth ποιέω righteousness is born of him ἐξ αὐτοῦ.	He that doeth ποιέω righteousness is righteous, ...	He that committeth ποιέω sin is of the devil ἐκ τοῦ διαβόλου ...

Jhn 8:41 **Ye do the deeds of your father.** ... 42 ... If God were your Father, ye would love me: ... 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and **the lusts of your father ye will do.**

3:8 manifested, that he might destroy the works [deeds] ...

1. What are these deeds?
 2. How related to 3:5 “manifested to take away our sins”?
 Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil **the lust of the flesh.** ... 19 Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which **do such things** shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1Jn 2:19 ... they went out, **that they might be made manifest** that they were not all of us.

1 John 2:29

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.



1 John 3:8

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.



What type of person is of the devil?
Why was Jesus Christ born on the earth?

5/4/2025

Bilson Peters