

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

- 4:7-18, **Love**
 - 7-10, Love from Birth
 - 11-16, Love from Abiding
 - 17-18, Assurance
- 4:19-5:4, **Righteousness**
- 5:5-12, **Belief**

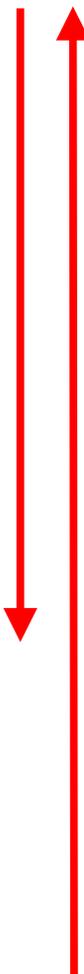
5:13-22, Closing Summary and Exhortation

The Third Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- In 4:13, what shows that we dwell (abide) in God, and he in us?
- Why does John mention the gift of God’s Spirit in this verse?
- Where does John get the idea that we abide in God *and* he abides in us?
- How does John change the original expression, and why?
- What is the relation between God’s word, and abiding in him?
- What is the difference between God’s Spirit being **with** us as compared with **in** us (John 14:17)?
- Where did God promise this change?
- In 1 John 3:24, what does “by the Spirit” tell us?
- What are some things we can do to cultivate our relation with the Spirit?

Chiasm across 4:7-16

	7-10		11-16
Heading	7 Beloved , let us love one another :		11 Beloved , if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another .
God's Nature Defined & Shared	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 .		16b God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God , and God in him.
God's Nature Demonstrated	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.		14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16a And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us .
Credible Witnesses to God's Nature			12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because that he hath given us of his Spirit.

4:13 What does Love Show?

Parsing 4:13

Hereby [by his love perfected in us] we know ...

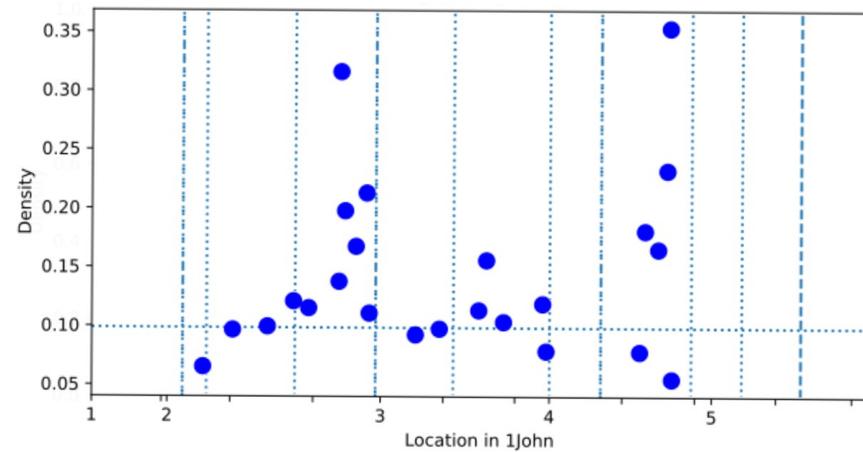
- that he dwells in us and we in him
- that he has given us of his Spirit

What Else does Love Show?

1Jn 3:18 My little children, **let us not love** in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know **that we are of the truth**, and shall assure our hearts before him.

Jhn 13:35 By this shall all men know that **ye are my disciples, if ye have love** one to another.

“Abide” (μένω menō G3306) in 1 John



Reciprocal Indwelling

1Jn 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments **dwelleth in him, and he in him.**

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

John 15:4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him,** the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing



John 15

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

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(T or F) Jesus taught one must abide in him as a branch abides in the vine to be fruitful.

The Word and Abiding

John 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.**

1Jn 2:14 ... I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and **the word of God abideth in you**, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1Jn 2:24 Let **that** therefore **abide** in you, **which ye have heard** from the beginning. If **that which ye have heard** from the beginning shall **remain [abide]** in you, **ye also shall continue [abide]** in the Son, and in the Father.

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; **for his seed remaineth [abideth] in him**: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Seed ~ The Word of God

Mat 13:19 When any one heareth **the word of the kingdom**, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received **seed** by the way side. [also vv.20, 22, 23]

Luk 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible **seed**, but of incorruptible, by the **word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

The First Reference to Reciprocal Abiding

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth in me, and I in him.** [to the murmuring Jews]

Jhn 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; **the flesh profiteth nothing**: the **words** that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. [to the confused disciples]

For more information: https://cyber-chapel.org/sermons/john/notes/John_6_Flesh_Blood.pdf

4:13 ... he hath given us of his Spirit

The Upper Room Promise

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 **with** you, and shall be **in** you.

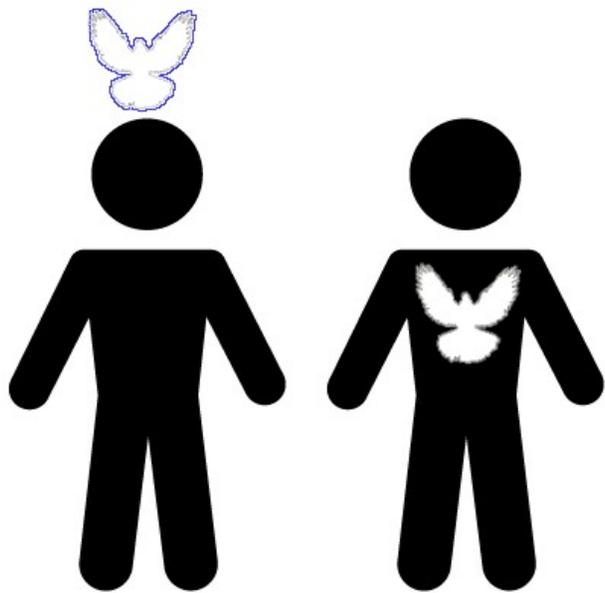


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The Old Testament Reality

Jdg 3:10 And the Spirit of the LORD **came upon** [Othniel]

Jdg 6:34 But the Spirit of the LORD **came upon** Gideon,

Jdg 11:29 Then the Spirit of the LORD **came upon** Jephthah,

Jdg 14:6 And the Spirit of the LORD **came mightily upon** [Samson],

Jdg 14:19 And the Spirit of the LORD **came upon** [Samson],

Jdg 15:1 4... and the Spirit of the LORD **came mightily upon** [Samson],

New Covenant

Ezk 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new **spirit** will I put **within** you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 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.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament [covenant], which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

4:13 ... he hath given us of his Spirit

In 3:24, we know that God abides in us.

The Spirit and Abiding

1Jn 2:27 ... the **anointing** which ye have received of him **abideth** in you, ...

1Jn 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments **dwelleth** in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he **abideth** in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Does “by the Spirit” describe how we **know** (alongside our obedience) ...

We **know** that he abideth in us
hereby
he that keepeth his commandments
abideth in him ...
by the Spirit
which he hath given us

...or how he **abides** in us?

We know that he **abideth** in us
by the Spirit
which he hath given us
hereby
he that keepeth his commandments
abideth in him ...

4:13 Living with God's Spirit

Obedience

Gal. 5:16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ... 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Act 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but **the Spirit suffered them not**.

2Co 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, 13 I had **no rest in my spirit**, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

Yieldedness

Eph. 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**;

Jhn 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and **the house was filled** with the odour of the ointment.

Attention

Rev. 2:7 He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith** unto the churches; (also 2:11,17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)

1Jn 2:27 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.

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

Kindness

Act 13:2 As **they** ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit** of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.