

# The Third Panel of Signs

## Things to Look For

- In 1 John 3:24, what does “by the Spirit” tell us?
- How does Paul describe abiding?
- What are some things we can do to cultivate our relation with the Spirit?
- How many parallels can you find between 1 John 4:14-16 and John 3:16-18?
- What does it mean for the Lord Jesus to be “the savior of the world” (4:14)? Will all the world be saved?
- How is 4:16b like 4:7-8? How is it different?
- What is the function of 4:17-18, and how does this compare with the first two love sections?

### 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

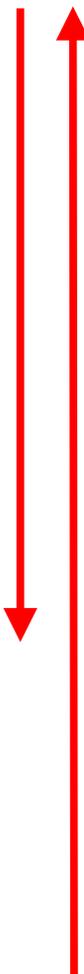
- 2:29-3:10, **Righteousness**
- 3:11-24, **Love**
- 4:1-6, **Belief**

##### 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

# Chiasm across 4:7-16

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## In John:

1Jn 4:13 Hereby know we

- that we dwell in him, and he in us,
- ~~Because~~ that he hath given us of **his Spirit**.

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

## In Paul:

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.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1Co 12:13 For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; ...

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

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.

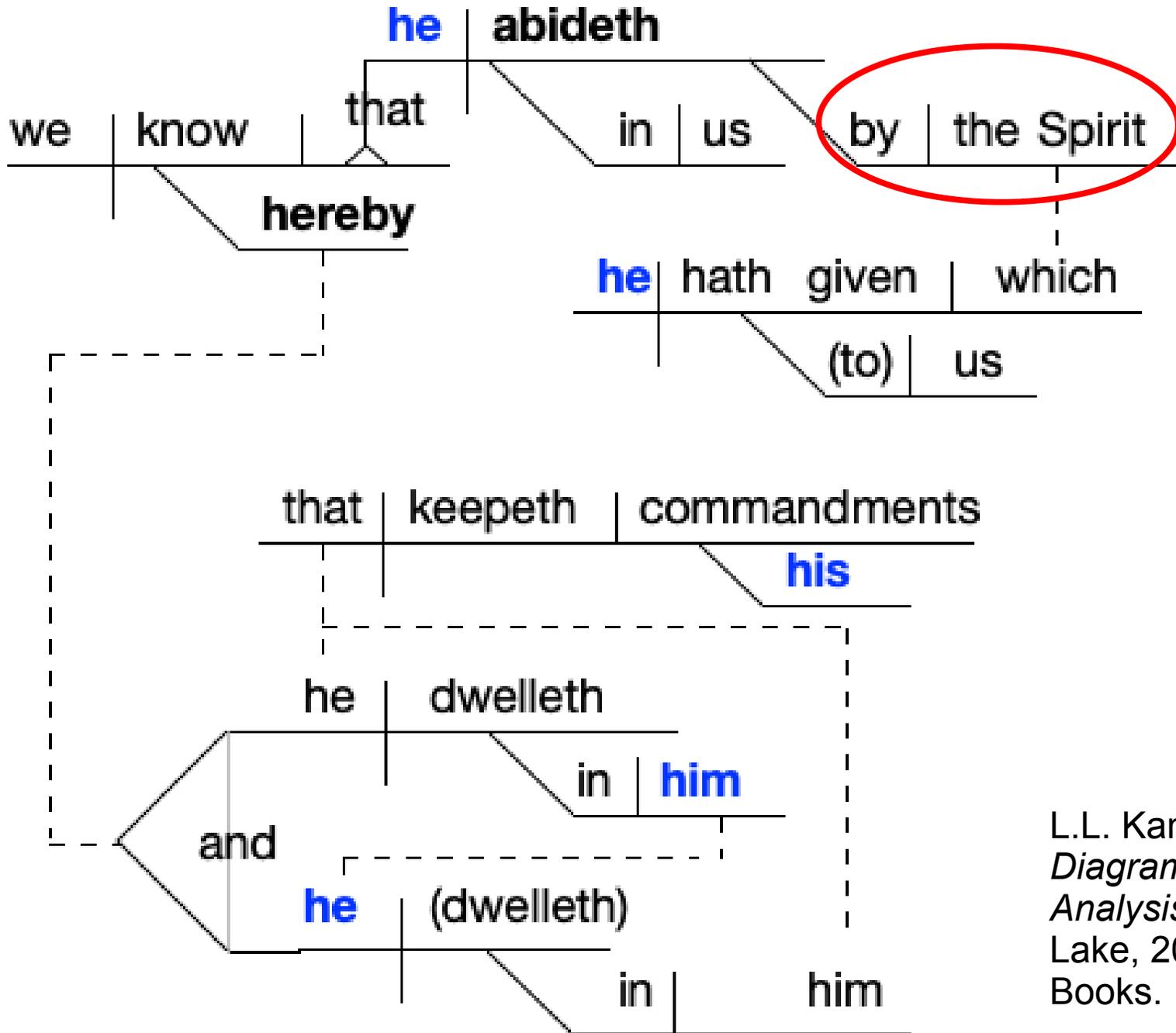
In 3:24, does “by the Spirit” describe how we **know** (alongside our obedience) ...

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?

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# More formally ...



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# 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.

# God Shows his Love

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<p>1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which <b>we have looked upon</b>, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear <b>witness</b>, and shew unto you <b>that eternal life</b>, which was with the <b>Father</b>, and was <b>manifested</b> unto us;)</p>	<p>4:14 And we have <b>seen</b> and do <b>testify</b> that the <b>Father sent the Son</b> to be the Saviour of the world.</p>
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John 3	1 John 4
16 For <b>God</b> so <b>loved</b> the world, that he <b>gave</b> his only begotten <b>Son</b> , that whosoever <b>believeth</b> in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.	16 And we have known and <b>believed</b> the <b>love</b> that God hath to us.
17 For <b>God sent</b> not his <b>Son</b> into the world to condemn the world; but that the <b>world</b> through him might be <b>saved</b> .	14 And we have seen and do testify that <b>the Father sent the Son</b> to be the <b>Saviour</b> of the world.
18 <b>He that believeth on him</b> is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten <b>Son of God</b> .	15 <b>Whosoever shall confess</b> that Jesus is the <b>Son of God</b> , God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

# Some Helpful References

## Seeing vs. Observing

Jhn 1:18 No man hath seen *horaō* God at any time;  
 1Jn 4:12 No man hath seen *theaomai* God at any time.

Jhn 1:34 And I saw *horaō*, and bare record *martureō* that this is the Son of God.

1Jn 4:14 We have seen *theaomai* and do testify *martureō*.

## The Savior of the World

Jhn 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, which **taketh away the sin of the world.**

Jhn 4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a **Jew**, askest drink of me, which am a woman of **Samaria**? for the **Jews** have no dealings with the **Samaritans.**

Jhn 4:41 And many more believed because of his own word;  
 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the **Saviour of the world.**

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# Assurance in Judgment

## Love Made Perfect

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is **the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.

Jhn 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. [Also 14:21]

Rom 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.**

1Jn 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and **his love is perfected in us.**

### **Boldness/Confidence (παρρησία *parrēsia* G3954)**

1Jn 5:13 ... that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, ...

*First Panel:* 1John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have **confidence**, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

*Second Panel:* 1John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we **confidence** toward God.

4:7-18, the Sign of Love

7-10, from our **Birth**

- 7a, Vocative: “love one another”
- 7b-8, God’s Love, Shared by Birth
- 9-10, God’s Love Demonstrated

11-16, from our **Abiding**

- 11, Vocative: “love one another”
- 12-13, Dwelling in God
- 14-16a, God’s Love Demonstrated
- 16b, God’s Love, Shared by Abiding

17-18, Assurance

*Conclusion:* 1John 5:14 And this is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:  
Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.  
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. 16 Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.