

# The Third Panel of Signs

## Things to Look For

- 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 does 1:1-2 help understand the idea of abiding or dwelling in God?
- What two conditions do 4:15-16a put on dwelling in God?
- Where did John get these conditions?
- 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

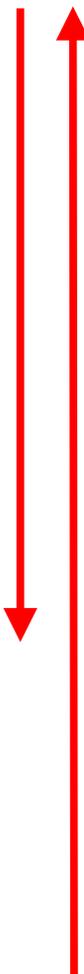
- 2:29-3:10, Righteousness
- 3:11-24, Love
- 4:1-6, Belief

##### 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

	7-10		11-16
Heading	7 <b>Beloved</b> , let us <b>love one another</b> :		11 <b>Beloved</b> , if God so loved us, we ought also to <b>love one another</b> .
God's Nature Defined & Shared	for love is of God; and every one that loveth is <b>born of God</b> , and <b>knoweth God</b> . 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for <b>God is love</b> .		16b <b>God is love</b> ; and he that dwelleth in love <b>dwelleth in God</b> , and God in him.
God's Nature Demonstrated	9 In this was manifested <b>the love of God toward us</b> , because that <b>God sent his only begotten Son</b> into the world, <b>that we might live</b> 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 <b>the Father sent the Son</b> to be <b>the Saviour</b> of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God <b>dwelleth</b> in him, and he in God. 16a And we have known and believed the <b>love that God hath to us</b> .
Credible Witnesses to God's Nature			12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God <b>dwelleth</b> in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we <b>dwell</b> in him, and he in us, <del>because</del> that he hath given us of his Spirit.

# 1 John 4 and John 3

1 John 4:9-10	John 3	1 John 4
<p>9 In this was manifested the <b>love</b> of <b>God</b> toward us, because that <b>God sent</b> his <u><b>only begotten Son</b></u> into the <b>world</b>, that we might <b>live</b> through him.</p> <p>10 Herein is love, not that we loved <b>God</b>, but that he <b>loved</b> us, ...</p>	<p>16 For <b>God</b> so <b>loved</b> the <b>world</b>, that he <b>gave</b> his <u><b>only begotten Son</b></u>, that whosoever <b>believeth</b> in him should not perish, but have everlasting <b>life</b>.</p>	<p>16 And we have known and <b>believed</b> the <b>love</b> that <b>God</b> hath to us.</p>
<p>... and <b>sent his Son</b> to be the <b>propitiation</b> for our sins.</p>	<p>17 For <b>God sent</b> not his <b>Son</b> into the world to condemn the <b>world</b>; but that the <b>world</b> through him might be <b>saved</b>.</p>	<p>14 And we have seen and do testify that <b>the Father sent the Son</b> to be the <b>Saviour</b> of the <b>world</b>.</p>
	<p>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 <u><b>only begotten Son of God</b></u>.</p>	<p>15 <b>Whosoever shall confess</b> that Jesus is the <b>Son of God</b>, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.</p>

# Remembering John the Baptist

## Seeing vs. Observing

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

1Jn 4:14 We have seen *theaomai* and do testify *martureō* that the Father sent the Son ...

Jhn 1:18 No man hath seen *horaō* God at any time; (the Evangelist)

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

## The Savior of the World

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

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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.**



John 4:42

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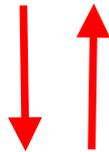
Who said, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world" and to whom?

# Eternal Life and Abiding

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which **we have looked upon**, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life**; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear **witness**, and shew unto you **that eternal life**, which was with the **Father**, and was **manifested** unto us;)

4:14 And we have **seen** and do **testify** that the **Father** **sent the Son** to be the Saviour of the world.

15a Whosoever shall **confess** that Jesus is the Son of God,



16 And we have **known and believed** the love that God hath to us.

God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

## Confess and Believe

Rom 10:8 But what saith it [the Scripture]? The word is nigh thee, even **in thy mouth, and in thy heart** [Deut 30:14]: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

## God's Nature Defined & Shared

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# Assurance in Judgment

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

cf. 2:12-14;  
3:18-24

## 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** [objective genitive] **is perfected in us.** [the subjects]

## 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.

*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.