

## 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

- What is the function of 4:17-18, and how does this compare with the first two love sections?
- What enables our love to be made perfect?
- What threat presents the need for us to have boldness in 1 John?
- “As he is, so are we”: what point of similarity between us and the Lord Jesus is in view? How are we different from him?
- How does being like him in this way give us boldness?
- What is the difference between the believer’s judgment and the world’s?
- Does 4:18 mean that we do not need to fear God?

# 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

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

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 is perfected in us.**

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

*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.

# 17c As he is, so are we in this world

## High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

Jhn 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but **these are in the world**, ... 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because **they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world**. 15 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. 16 **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

### “Of the World”

John 8:23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: **ye are of this world; I am not of this world.**

John 15:19 If ye were **of the world**, the world would love his own: but because ye are not **of the world**, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not **of us**; for if they had been **of us**, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all **of us**.

1John 4:5 They are **of the world**: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the **flesh**, and the lust of the **eyes**, and the **pride** of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine **heart**, and with all thy **soul**, and with all thy ~~might~~ **abundance**.

# Who will Face the “Day of Judgment” (4:17)?

κρίσις *krisis* G2920: the **process** of judgment; the courtroom (1 John 4:17)

κρίμα *krima* G2917: the **result** of judgment; the verdict

## “Of the World”

John 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 (krisis)**; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of **damnation (krisis)**.

2Pet. 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of **judgment (krisis)** to be punished:

John 12:31 Now is the **judgment (krisis)** of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

## Judgment of Believers

1Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are **judged**, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

2Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1Co 3:13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest**: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 John 4:17-18

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

What is our position at the Day of Judgment because of our love for God?



# Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear

Mat 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but **cast the bad away.**

**Can we love and fear God at the same time?**

Deut. 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to **fear the LORD thy God**, to walk in **all his ways, and to love him**, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

1Pet. 2:17 Honour all men. **Love the brotherhood. Fear God.** Honour the king.

Rom. 3:18 There is **no fear of God** before their eyes.

2Cor. 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness **in the fear of God.**

Eph. 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of God.**

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation **with fear and trembling.**

# Fear “in the day of judgment”

1Jn 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**

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **white horse**; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

## **In front of the white horse:**

Rev 19:19 ... I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, **Fall on us, and hide us** from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

## **Following the white horse:**

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, **white and clean**.

## **“torment” = “punishment”**

Matt. 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

# Summary of the Sign of Love

	2:7-17	3:11-24	4:7-18
Argument	Obey the <b>Commandment</b> : walk in the light	Follow the right Example	Reflect the Source: God is love
Contrast	Love brother vs. love the world	Cain vs. Christ	Born of God vs. Mutual Abiding
Assurance	Recognize victories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sins forgiven,</li> <li>• Satan overcome,</li> <li>• Fellowship with Christ</li> </ul>	God is greater than our heart	We are not of the world, and thus exempt from the last judgment