

The Third Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- Does 4:18 mean that we do not need to fear God? What about passages that tell us to fear God?
- What reason does John give in each of the love sections for concluding that love shows that we have eternal life?
- What contrast does each section give to illustrate this reason?
- What vocabulary does the third righteousness section share with the first two?
- What vocabulary does it share with the love and belief sections?
- What is different about the verb “love” in the righteousness section from its use in other 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

4:18 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**.

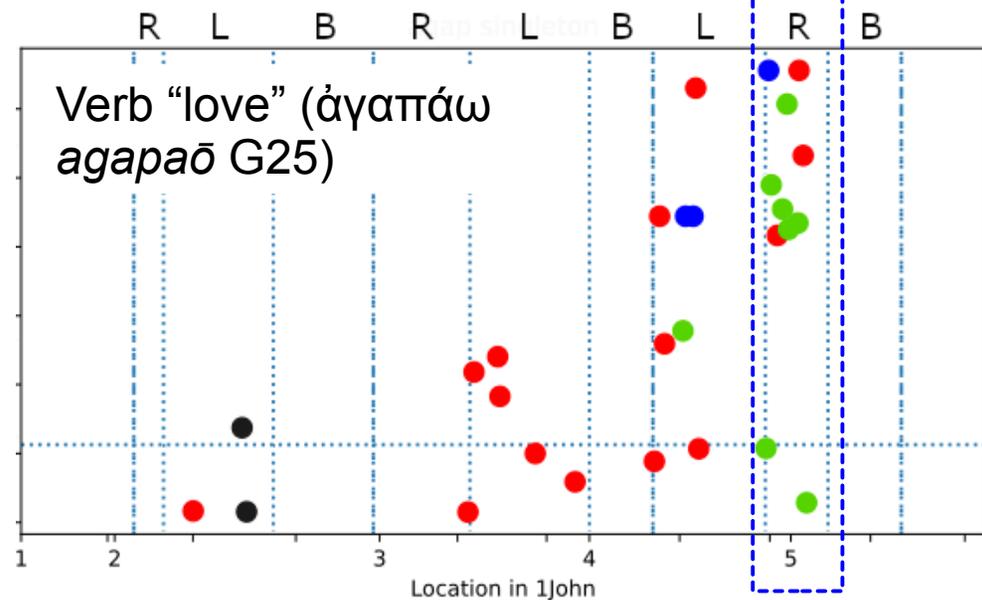
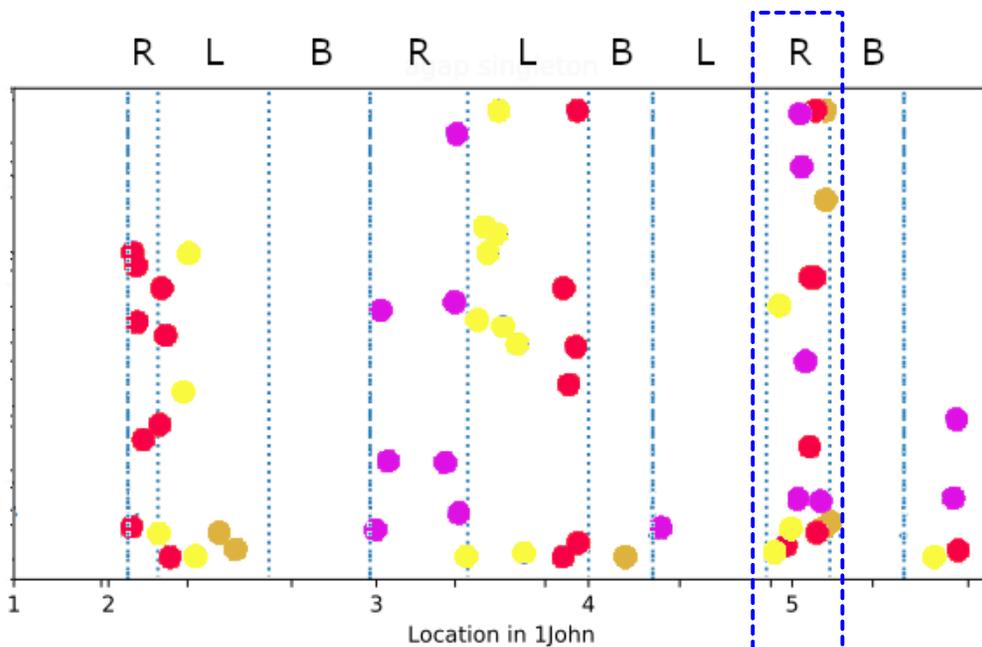
“torment” = “punishment”

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 Commandment : walk in the light	Follow the 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"> • Sins forgiven, • Satan overcome, • Fellowship with Christ 	God is greater than our heart	We are not of the world, so we are exempt from the last judgment

4:19-5:4, Third Righteousness Section



Top: Brings together Key Words from other sections:

- **Keep, command** (from R1)
- **Beget, child** (from R2)
- **Brother** (from L1, L2)
- **Overcome** (from L1, B2)

Bottom: Who loves whom?

- We love **others**
- We love the **world**
- God loves **us**
- We love **God**

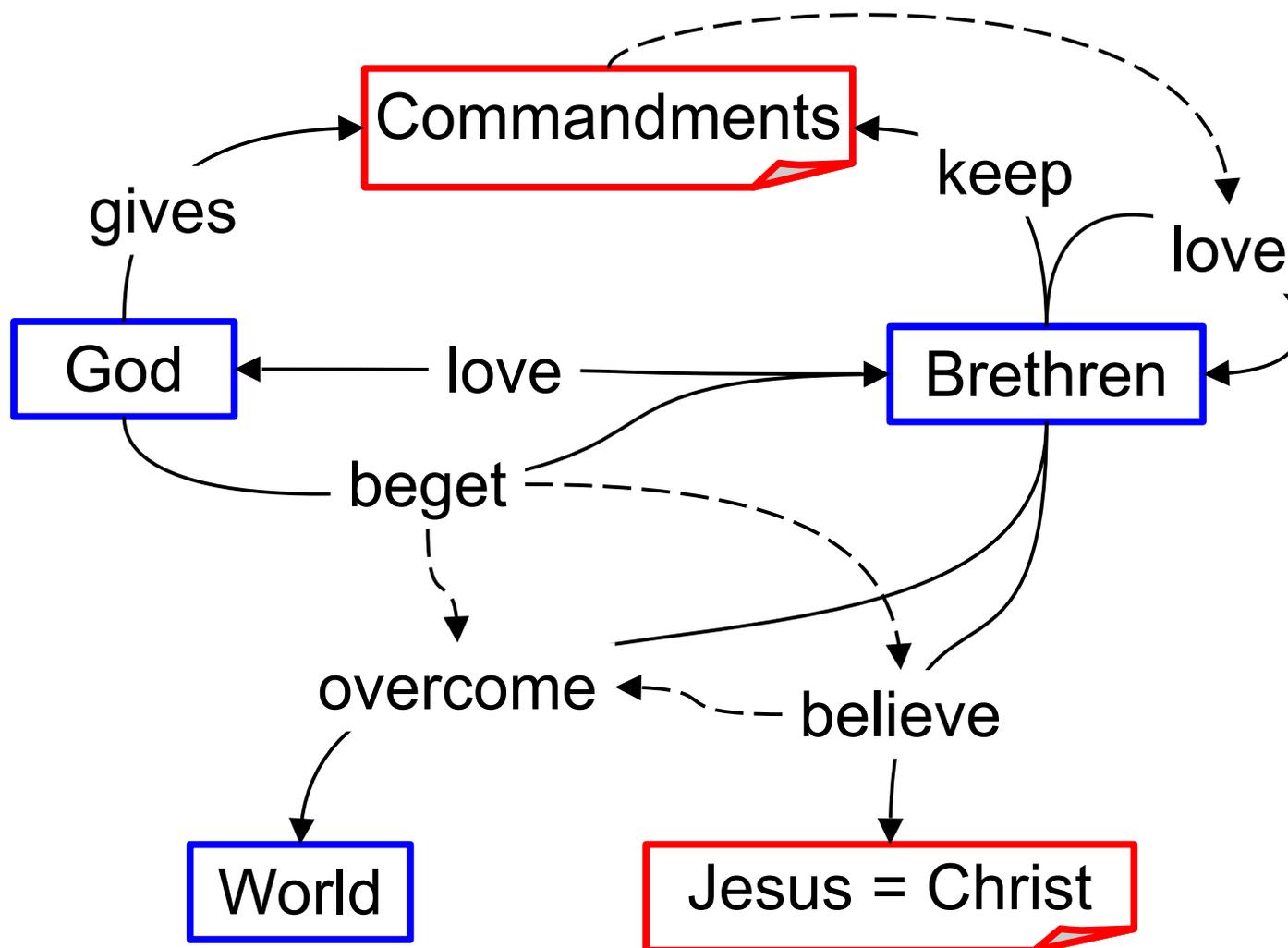
1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the **love of God** perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1Jn 4:10 Herein is love, **not that we loved God**, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

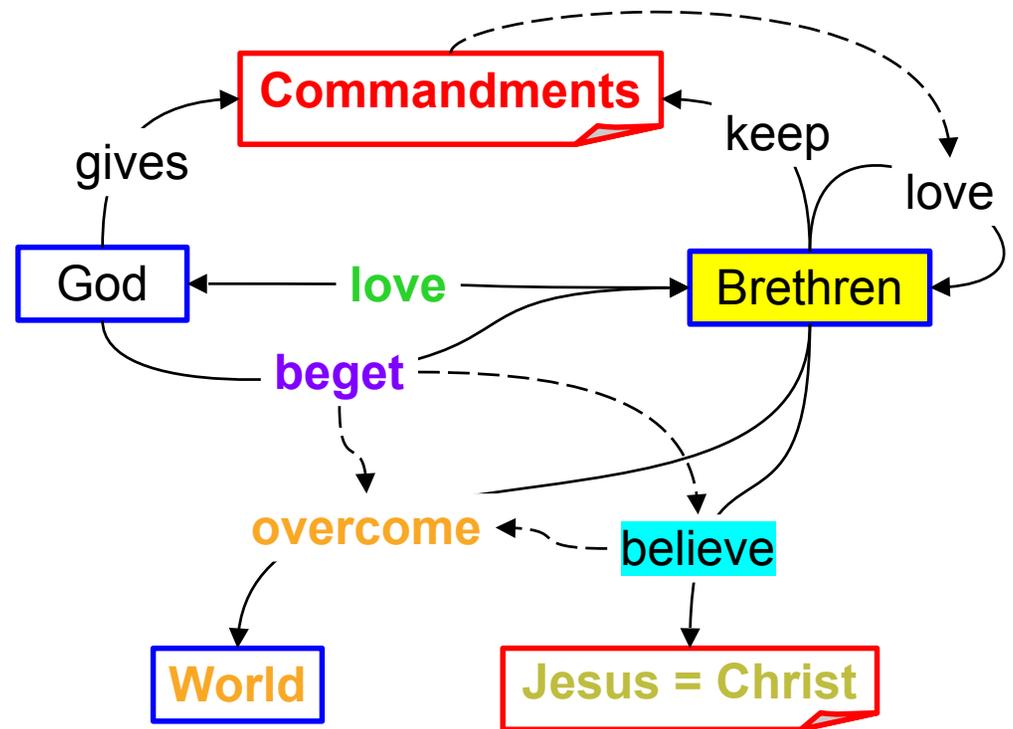
Jhn 14:15 If ye **love me**, keep my commandments.

Jhn 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that **loveth me**: and he that **loveth me** shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Concept Map of 3rd Righteousness Section



From Concepts to Argument



	4:19-21	5:1-3	5:4	
Brother				4:19-21, The Nature of Righteousness: Loving Obedience
Love God				
Commandments				
Jesus is Christ				5:1-3, The Source of Righteousness: The New Birth and Faith
Born, Beget				
Faith, believe				
Overcome				5:4, The Effect of Righteousness: Victory
World				