

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**
- 4:19-5:4, **Righteousness**
- 5:5-12, **Belief**

5:13-22, Closing Summary

- 13, **Belief**
- 14-17, **Boldness**
- 18-20, **Knowledge**
- 21, **Final Exhortation**

The Third Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- What is “the witness of God” mentioned in 5:9?
- What other passage in the NT does John recall with his series of witnesses in 5:6-12?
- Compare the chronological order of the witnesses in 5:6-12 with the order in which John mentions them.
- What does 5:10 add to the discussion of the witnesses?
- What is the content of God’s witness?
- Where in the Old Testament does God promise eternal life?
- Where does he say that this life is in his Son?

The Witnesses in Order

Textual
Order



Reference in 1 John 5	9-11 he hath testified (perfect tense)	6a,b he that came (aorist past tense)	6b-8 beareth (present tense)
How is the witness given?	God through OT Scriptures	Water: Jordan Blood: Calvary	Spirit Water: Baptism Blood: Lord's Table
When was the witness given?	Before birth of the Lord	The Lord's Public Ministry	From Pentecost to the Present
Who bears the witness?	The Father	The Son	The Spirit
Counterpart in John 5	37-39 the Father ... search the scriptures	31-35 John the Baptist 36 the works that I do	(not mentioned in John 5)

Chronological
Order



5:9, The Witness of God

Jhn 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, **making himself equal with God.**

1John 1:2 (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;

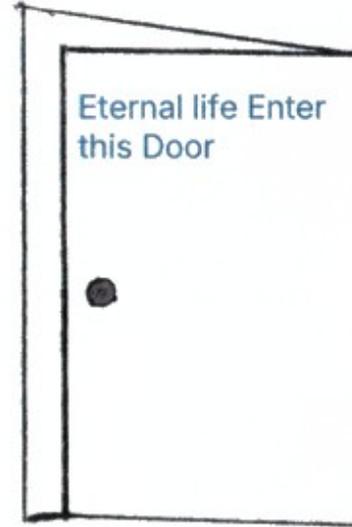
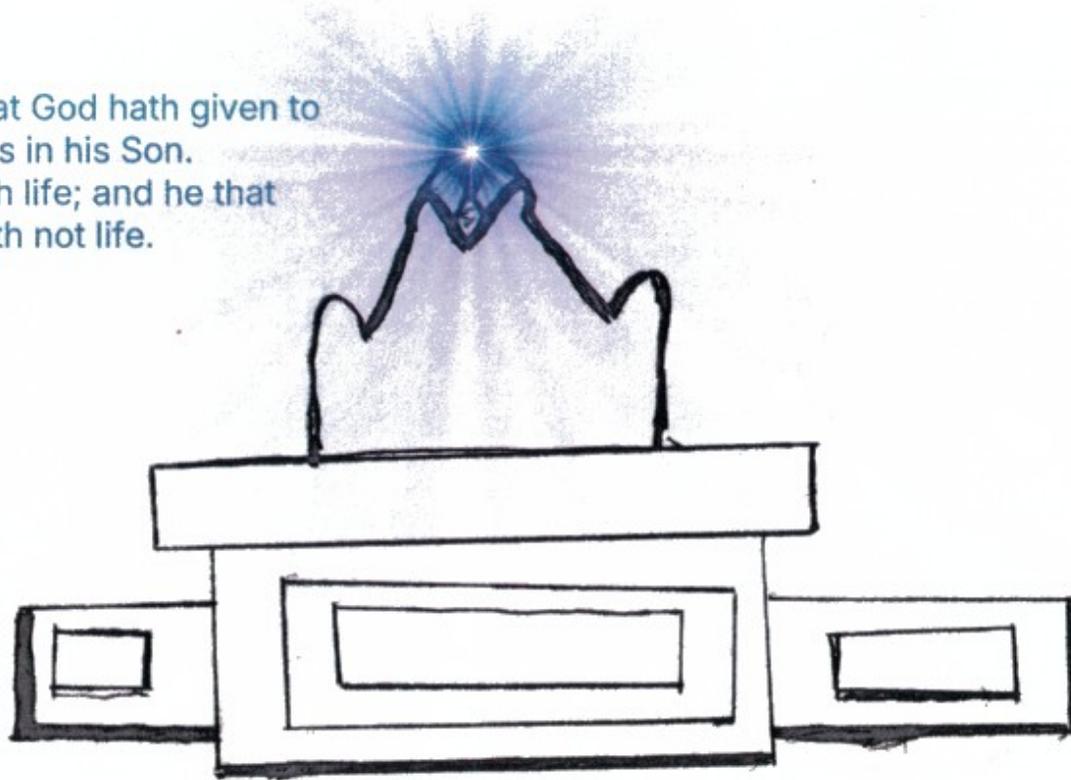
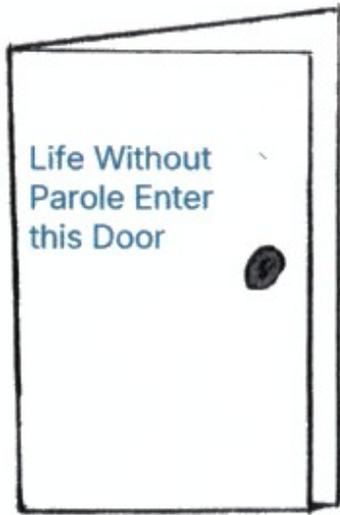
1Jn 4:14 And **we** have seen and **do testify** that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

John 5	1 John 5
<p>31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. 34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.</p>	<p>9 If we receive the witness of men 6 this is he that came by water ...</p>
<p>36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.</p>	<p>9 greater witness 6 not by water only, but by water and blood</p>
<p>37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.</p>	<p>9 this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son</p>

1 John 5:11-12

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.



1 John 5:10, Our Responsibility before the Witness

10a the witness in himself

John 11:40, If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God.

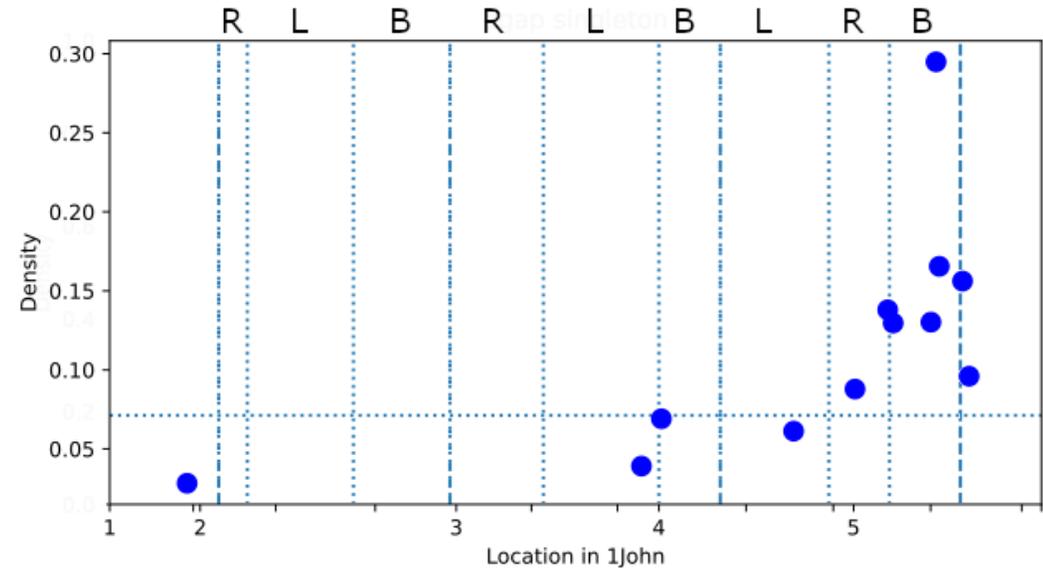
John 5:38 ye have not **his word abiding in you**

Deu 6:6 And **these words**, which I command thee this day, shall be **in thine heart**:

Deu 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up **these my words in your heart and in your soul**, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Psa 119:11 **Thy word** have I hid **in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee.

Ezk 36:27 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.



Believe, faith, faithful in 1 John

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

10b made him a liar

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, **we make him a liar**, and his word is not in us.

1 John 5:11 This is the Record

Eternal life

1Jn 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;)

Jhn 17:3 And this is **life eternal**, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

OT Witness that God has given eternal life

Titus 1:2 In hope of **eternal life**, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, **yet in my flesh shall I see God**: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Isa 26:19 **Thy dead men shall live**, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

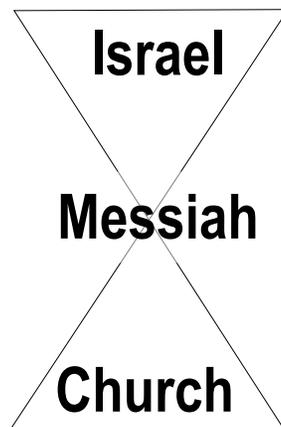
Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

OT Witness that this life is in his Son

2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son.** (cf. Psa 2:7; Psa 89:26-27).

Mat 12:15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; 16 And **charged them that they should not make him known:** 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying [42:1-4], 18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

The Servant Songs in Isaiah



	41:8-13	42:1-7	42:19	43:10	43:22-44:5	44:21-23	44:26	48:20	49:1-13	50:4-9	50:10	52:13-53:12
Israel	X		X		X	X	X	X	X			
Messiah	X	X		X					X	X	X	X
Church		X							X	X		X
	Servant Mostly Israel								Servant Mostly Messiah			

The Suffering and Saving Servant

Isa 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 **To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners** from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isa 49:4 Then I said, **I have laboured in vain**, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. 5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. 6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, **that thou mayest be my salvation** unto the end of the earth.

Isa 50:5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. 6 **I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.**

Isa 53:3 He is **despised and rejected** of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed**. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**