

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
- 18-21, Knowledge

The Third Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- To what two things does God bear witness?
- Where in the Old Testament does God promise eternal life?
- Where does he say that this life is in his Son?
- What two phases of our Lord’s ministry does Scripture distinguish, and what are some characteristics of each of them?
- What does it mean to “have the Son” (1 John 5:12)?
- How might this differ from “believe on the Son” (John 3:36)?
- What evidence does John give for the doctrine that Jesus is the Son of God in each panel?

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.

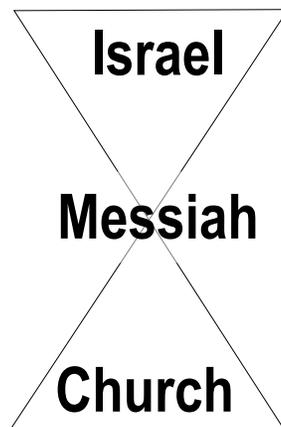
Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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.**

Vocabulary: Servant → Child → Son

Hebrew: טַבַּע (*ṯebed* H5650)

LXX:

- Overall, equal distribution:
 - δοῦλος (*doulos* G1401) bondsman
 - παῖς (*pais* G3816): child, offspring, servant
- Servant songs: overwhelmingly *pais*

Act 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy **child** Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Two Phases of our Lord's Incarnate Ministry

	Humiliation	Glorification
Summary in Philippians 2	5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus : ... 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself , and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.	9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him , and given him a name which is above every name: ... 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Jewish Expectation	Messiah the Son of Joseph	Messiah the Son of David
Scripture	Gospels	Epistles
Name	Jesus (without titles)	Jesus + Lord, Savior, Christ
Relation to the Father	My servant/child <i>pais</i> G3816	Son <i>huios</i> G5207

12 He that hath the Son hath life

John 3:36 **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:** and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

Jhn 1:12 But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:



Summary of the Sign of Belief

	2:18-28	4:1-6	5:5-12
Vocabulary	Anointing, Abide Christ, Son (of God)	Spirit(s) Son (of God)	+Witness, Belief
Key Doctrine	Jesus = Christ; Father and Son	Jesus Christ is come in the flesh	Jesus is the Son of God
Evidence	19 Abiding (in Christ, and in the assembly)	6 Hearing those who are of God (the apostles)	7-8 Testimony of the Spirit, baptism, and the Lord's Table

Panel 1: 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.

Panel 2: 4:6 **We** are of God: he that knoweth God heareth **us**; he that is not of God heareth not **us**. Hereby know **we** the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
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**;) 3 That which **we** have seen and heard declare **we** unto **you**, that **ye** also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto **you**, that **your** joy may be full.

Panel 3:
5:7 For there are three that bear record, 8 the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.