

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**

5:13-21, Closing Summary

- 13, **Belief**
- 14-17, **Boldness**
- 18-21, **Knowledge**

The Third Panel of Signs

Things to Look For

- What are two situations in which John says we need boldness (confidence)?
- What is it that gives us confidence?
- How does John tell us we should use our confidence?
- What condition does he place on our prayer, if we want it to be answered?
- What condition did the Lord Jesus place on prayer in the upper room?
- How does the story of Naboth's vineyard illustrate the relation between these two conditions?
- What specifically does John want us to pray for?
- How does this instruction fit in with the instructions for dealing with sin in chapter 1?

Conclusion: Three Mental States

State	Verses	Sign
Belief	1 John 5:13	Belief
Confidence	1 John 5:14-17	Love
Knowledge	1John 5:18-21	Righteousness

14-17 Confidence, Boldness (παρρησία *parrēsia* G3954

First and Last Instances: **Need** for Confidence

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. *belief section*

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: *conclusion*

2nd and 3rd Instances: **Source** of Confidence

1Jn 3:18 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.** 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall **assure our hearts** before him. ...
21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we **confidence** toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. (Love #2)

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and **he that dwelleth in love** dwelleth in God, and God in him. 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. (Love #3)

14-15, Conditions for Prayer

“in my name ...”

Jhn 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall **ask in my name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Jhn 14:14 If ye shall **ask any thing in my name**, I will do it.

Jhn 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall **ask of the Father in my name**, he may give it you.

Jhn 16:23 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall **ask the Father in my name**, he will give it you.

Jhn 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: **ask, and ye shall receive**, that your joy may be full.

Jhn 16:26 At that day ye shall **ask in my name**: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

“according to his will ...”

Mat 6:10 **Thy will be done** in earth, as it is in heaven.

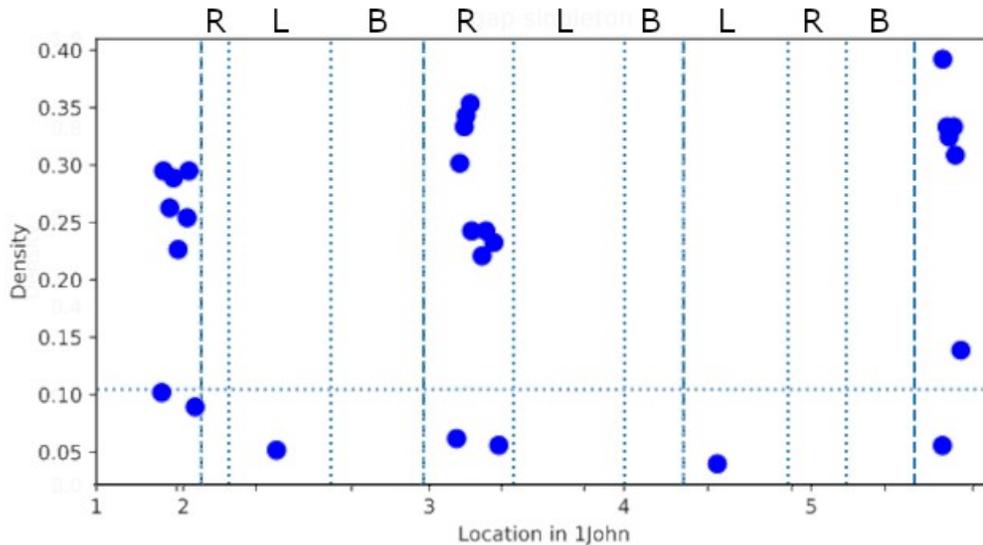
Mat 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done**.

An Example

1Ki 21:7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8 **So she wrote letters in Ahab's name**, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: 10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

16a, Praying for a Brother's Sin

Sin (noun and verb) in 1 John



1Jn 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. ...3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Ref	False Claim	Our Duty	God's Provision
1:6-7	We have fellowship but walk in darkness	Walk in the light	Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us
1:8-9	We have no sin	Confess our sins	God is faithful & just to forgive
1:10-2:2	We have not sinned	?	Jesus Christ is our advocate

Dealing with the Sins of Others

	Prayer	Rebuke
Private	1 John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.	Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone : if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
Public	Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.	Ezk 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 1Co 5:13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. 2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 1Ti 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

“Sin Unto Death”

Life and Death in 1 John

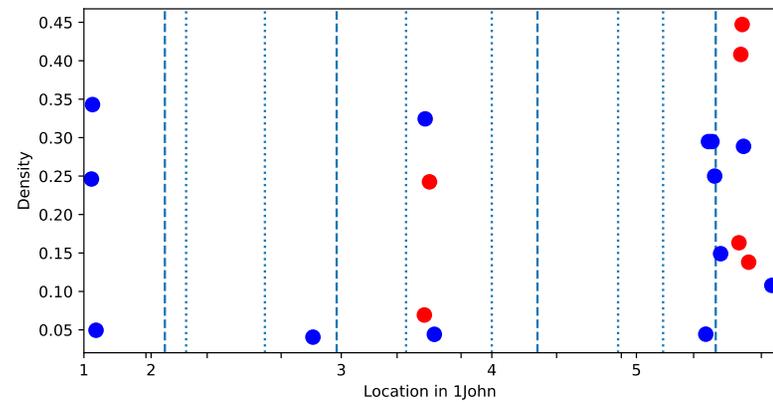
1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from **death** unto **life**, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in **death**.

Unforgiveable Sins

Mat 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Mat 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Life (**blue**) and Death (**red**) in 1 John



Unrighteousness, Sin, Lawlessness

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin ἁμαρτία transgresseth also the law ἀνομία: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Mat 22:35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Ezek 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die

Rom 6:23 The wages of sin is death

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins ἁμαρτία, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness ἀδικία.