

From the beginning:
Jesus

PROLOGUE: OUR DECLARATION

1 What was from the beginning,

what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands,

concerning the word of life —²

that life was revealed, and we have seen it

and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us

what we have seen and heard we also declare to you,

so that you may also have fellowship with us;

and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

word

- λόγου *logou*
- λόγος *logos*
- λεγω *legō* say; speak
- NGSM noun, genitive, singular, masculine
- G3056 Greek Strong's Number
- LN 33.100 Louw-Nida Semantic Domains
- message (communication) noun

beginning

- ἀρχῆς, *archēs*,
- ἀρχή *archē*
- αρχω *archō* begin; rule; be first
- NGSF noun, genitive, singular, feminine
- G746 Greek Strong's Number
- LN 67.65 Louw-Nida Semantic Domains
- beginning of world noun

beginning

Bereshith (Heb. בְּרֵאשִׁית, 'in the beginning'). The first word of the Hebrew text of *Genesis and hence the Hebrew name for the Book....

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church

Huge Emphasis on Personal Experience. Have seen, have touched, have heard

If Christian Fellowship is rooted in Christ those who are rooted in Christ should be rooted in Christ.

the Christian fellowship is with God.

In Christ

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

Again, Emphasis on Personal experience

God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. ⁶

God is light - Light comes from God, and God manifests / brings light to our sin.

There is no room to question the reality. In God, there is no sin, wickedness, injustice or evil desires. God is pure, pure light.

If we say, "We have fellowship with him,"

and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

We cannot be in fellowship with God and walk in darkness. The two are incompatible.

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸

Fellowship with God manifested results in a cleansing from our sins. Emphasis on his blood

Those who believe they are who sin are liars, and lie to themselves. There is no truth in them.

If we say, "We have no sin,"

we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹

On note of truth, Jesus is not in them. Jesus said "I Am The Truth."

If we confess our sins,

condition note on Confess, not repent

he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰

A beautiful promise. Two-fold. 1. To forgive. 2. To cleanse from unrighteousness.

If we say, "We have not sinned,"

we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

By basically lying his word is wrong

It is John's desire that through his writings we will not sin.

My little children,

I am writing you these things so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin,

we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

But John understands the reality that we will still sin. I think it would be appropriate to distinguish between not sin and may sin. Rom 6:1-2. One might interpret that if one confesses sin, God will forgive it. So John addresses such an attitude here by stating his purpose is that we must not sin.

In the event we do sin, there is provision to deal with it.

John emphasizes that Jesus is not only our Advocate, but is himself the sacrifice by which our debt is paid. The provision.

John reminds his users that salvation is not only for Jews or his readers, but it is available to everyone.

Note: Just because he atoned for the whole world does not mean everyone will be saved, but that anyone, worldwide, may be saved.

ADVOCATE [Gk paraklētōs (παρακλητος)]. Originally paraklētōs had a passive sense, "one who is called alongside [to someone's aid]," and so was rendered in Latin as "advocatus." In the NT it is used in an active sense (as is "advocate" in current English): "one who appears on another's behalf," "mediator," "intercessor," or "helper." In 1 John 2:1, Jesus Christ is referred to as our paraklētōs who intercedes with (God) the Father on behalf of sinners. Some English versions paraphrase the word: "one to plead our cause" (NEB), "someone who pleads ... on our behalf" (GNB), or "one who speaks in our defense" (NIV).

Jesus Person
Man, Supernatural being • A Hi...
Son of God, savior of the world.
Relative David, Abraham
Mother Mary
Father Joseph
Brother James, Judas, Joses, Simon

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How do I know that I know God?

GOD'S COMMANDS

³This is how we know that we know him:

if we keep his commands. ⁴

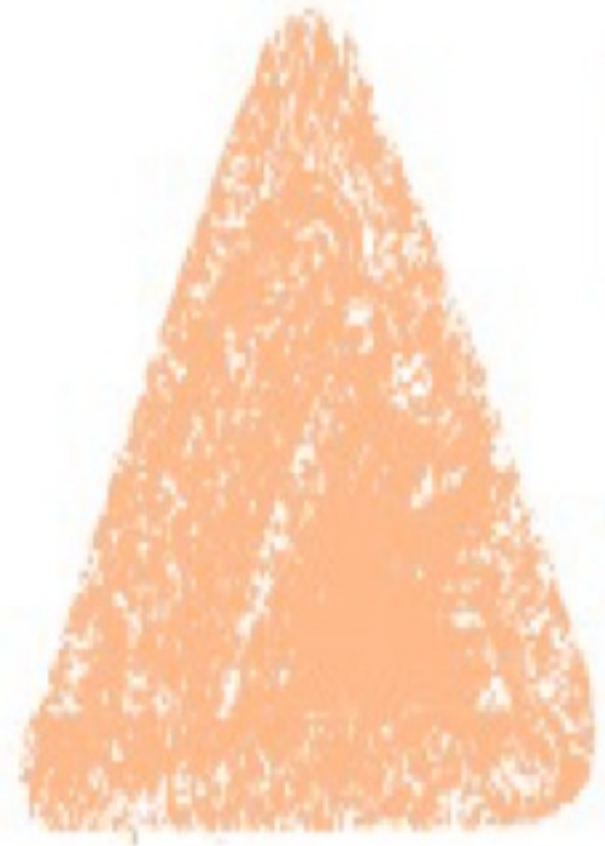


The one who says, "I have come to know him,"

and yet doesn't keep his commands,

is a liar,

and the truth is not in him. ⁵



But whoever keeps his word,

truly in him the love of God is made complete.

This is how we know we are in him: ⁶

The one who says he remains in him
should walk just as he walked.

is to be a disciple
as our follow and
masters do
has done.



⁹The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother or sister

is in the darkness until now. ¹⁰

Danger

The one who loves his brother or sister remains in the light,

and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹

But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness,

walks in the darkness,

and doesn't know where he's going,

because the darkness has blinded his eyes.



REASONS FOR WRITING

¹²I am writing to you, little children,
since your sins have been forgiven
on account of his name.

¹³I am writing to you, fathers,
because you have come to know
the one who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have conquered the evil one.

¹⁴I have written to you, children,
because you have come to know the
Father.

I have written to you, fathers,
because you have come to know
the one who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men,
because you are strong,

God's word remains in you,
and you have conquered the evil one.