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Preface

1 We write to you about the Word of life, which has been in the beginning of what we heard, of what we have seen with our eyes, of what we watched reverently and our hands touched with our hands. ² That life was made visible, and we have seen it. We bear our testimony to it, and tell you of that eternal life which was with the Father and was visible to us. ³ It is of what we have seen and heard that we now tell you, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing this to you that our joy may be complete. Fellowship with God

5 This message which we have heard from him and you announced to you: God is light, and there is darkness in him at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, our words and lives are a lie. ⁷ But if we walk in light, as he is light, we have fellowship with another, and the blood of his Son, cleanses us from sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is just and he will forgive us and cleanse us from all wrongdoing. ¹⁰ If we say we haven't sinned, we make God a liar, and his Word

is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" in|strong="G1722"
us|strong="G3004".

2My|strong="G1473" children|strong="G5040", I|strong="G1473"
am|strong="G1473" writing|strong="G1125" to|strong="G4314"
you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4314" keep|strong="G3361"
you|strong="G5210" from|strong="G2532" sinning|strong="H2398".
But|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" anyone|strong="G5100"
does|strong="G2192" sin|strong="H2403", we|strong="G1437"
have|strong="G2192" an|strong="G2192" advocate|strong="G3875"
with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962" –
Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", the|strong="G2532"
righteous|strong="G1342". ² He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510"
the|strong="G2532" atoning|strong="H3722" sacrifice|strong="H2077"
for|strong="G4012" our|strong="G2251" sins|strong="H2403",
and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" for|strong="G4012"
ours|strong="G1473" only|strong="G3440", but|strong="G1161"
the|strong="G2532" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="G4012"
the|strong="G2532" whole|strong="G3650" world|strong="G2889". ³
It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" by|strong="G1722"
keeping|strong="G5083" God's|strong="H0430"
commands|strong="G1785" that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G1437"
can|strong="H4310" be|strong="G2532" sure|strong="G1097"
we|strong="G1437" know|strong="G1097" him|strong="G3588". ⁴
Whoever|strong="G3748" says|strong="G3004" 'I|strong="G2532"
know|strong="G1097" him|strong="G3588", but|strong="G2532"
does|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" keep|strong="G5083"
his|strong="G1722" commands|strong="G1785", is|strong="G1510"
a|strong="G2532" liar|strong="G5583". The|strong="G1722"
truth|strong="H0571" has|strong="G3778" no|strong="G3756"
place|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588". ⁵
But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G1722" person|strong="G3739"
who|strong="G3739" keeps|strong="G5083" God's|strong="G2316"
word|strong="G3056", in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588"
the|strong="G1722" love|strong="H0157" of|strong="G3056"
God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" indeed|strong="G1161"
reached|strong="H0935" its|strong="G3754" perfection|strong="H8502".
This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" how|strong="G3754"
we|strong="G3739" can|strong="H4310" be|strong="G1510"
sure|strong="G1097" we|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510"
in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3588": ⁶ whoever|strong="G3588"
claims|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2532" live|strong="G4043"
in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3588" should|strong="G3784"
live|strong="G4043" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531"
Jesus|strong="G3004" did|strong="G2532".

A|strong = "G2532" new|strong = "H2319" commandment|strong = "H4687"

7Dear|strong = "H3357" friends|strong = "H7453", it|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" no|strong = "G3756" new|strong = "G2537" command|strong = "G1785" that|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G3739" am|strong = "G1510" writing|strong = "G1125" to|strong = "G3756" you|strong = "G5210", but|strong = "G3588" an|strong = "G2192" old|strong = "G3820" command|strong = "G1785", which|strong = "G3739" you|strong = "G5210" have|strong = "G2192" had|strong = "G2192" from|strong = "G3756" the|strong = "G3588" beginning|strong = "H7225". That|strong = "G3739" old|strong = "G3820" command|strong = "G1785" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G3588" message|strong = "G3056" you|strong = "G5210" have|strong = "G2192" already|strong = "H3528" heard|strong = "H8085". ⁸ Yet|strong = "G2532", in|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G2532" way|strong = "G1722", it|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" a|strong = "G2532" new|strong = "G2537" command|strong = "G1785" that|strong = "G3754" I|strong = "G3739" am|strong = "G1510" writing|strong = "G1125" to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" – which|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" shown|strong = "G5316" true|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" Christ's life|strong = "H5315" and|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722" yours|strong = "G4771" – for|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G1722" darkness|strong = "G4653" is|strong = "G1510" passing|strong = "G3855" away|strong = "G3855" and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" true|strong = "G3588" light|strong = "G5457" is|strong = "G1510" already|strong = "G2235" shining|strong = "G5316". ⁹ The|strong = "G1722" person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" says|strong = "G3004" that|strong = "G3588" they|strong = "G2532" are|strong = "G1510" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" light|strong = "G5457", and|strong = "G2532" yet|strong = "G2532" hates|strong = "G3404" others|strong = "G3588", is|strong = "G1510" still|strong = "G2193" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" darkness|strong = "G4653". ¹⁰ The|strong = "G1722" person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" loves|strong = "H0157" others|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510" always|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" light|strong = "G5457", and|strong = "G2532" there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" nothing|strong = "G3756" within|strong = "G1722" them|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G2532" cause|strong = "G3588" them|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G2532" stumble|strong = "H3782". ¹¹ The|strong = "G1722" person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" hates|strong = "G3404" is|strong = "G1510" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" dark|strong = "G4653". They|strong = "G2532" stumble|strong = "H3782" along|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" darkness|strong = "G4653"; they|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G1492" not|strong = "G3756" know|strong = "G1492"