

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN

Introduction—The Incarnate Word

1:1 **W**HAT was ^afrom the beginning, what we have ^bheard, what we have ^cseen with our eyes, what we ^dbeheld and our hands ^ehandled, concerning the ^fWord of Life— 2 and ^athe life was manifested, and we have ^bseen and ^cbear witness and proclaim to you ^dthe eternal life, which was ^ewith the Father and was ^amanifested to us— 3 what we have ^aseen and ^bheard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our ^cfellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And ^athese things we write, so that our ^bjoy may be made complete.

God Is Light

5 And ^athis is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that ^bGod is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 ^aIf we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we ^blie and ^cdo not practice the truth; 7 but if we ^awalk in the light as ^bHe Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and ^cthe blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 ^aIf we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the ^btruth is not in us. 9 ^aIf we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and ^bto cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 ^aIf we say that we have not sinned, we ^bmake Him a liar, and ^cHis word is not in us.

^a John 1:1f.; 1 John 2:13, 14

^b Acts 4:20; 1 John 1:3

^c John 19:35; 2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:2

^d John 1:14; 1 John 4:14

^e Luke 24:39; John 20:27

^f John 1:1, 4

^a John 1:4; 1 John 3:5, 8; 5:20

^b John 19:35; 1 John 1:1

^c John 15:27; 1 John 4:14

^d John 10:28; 17:3; 1 John 2:25; 5:11, 13, 20

^e John 1:1

^a John 1:4; 1 John 3:5, 8; 5:20

^a John 19:35; 2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:1

^b Acts 4:20; 1 John 1:1

^c John 17:3, 21; 1 Cor. 1:9

^a 1 John 2:1

^b John 3:29

^a John 1:19; 1 John 3:11

^b 1 Tim. 6:16; James 1:17

^a John 8:12; 1 John 2:11

^b John 8:55; 1 John 2:4; 4:20

^c John 3:21

^a Is. 2:5

^b 1 Tim. 6:16

^c Titus 2:14

^a Job 15:14; Prov. 20:9; Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2

^b John 8:44; 1 John 2:4

^a Ps. 32:5; Prov. 28:13

^b Titus 2:14

^a Job 15:14

^b John 3:33; 1 John 5:10

^c 1 John 2:14

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.