

1 John 1:1 – 2:17

1:1 – proclaim	(verb)	to say publicly and formally
1:2 – appeared	(verb)	came into being
1:2 – testify	(verb)	to state that something you witnessed is true
1:2 – eternal	(adjective)	lasts for ever; without start or end
1:3 – fellowship	(noun)	close relationship with others; friendship; companionship
1:5 – declare	(verb)	to officially make known; to say something to be true
1:6 – lie	(verb)	to say something that is false
1:7 – purifies	(verb)	makes clean; frees someone from sin or guilt
1:7- sin	(noun)	an offence (against God or a person); rebellion against God; rejection of God
1:8 – deceive	(verb)	to mislead by telling a lie
1:9 – confess	(verb)	to admit to doing something wrong
1:9 - forgive	(verb)	to no longer be angry with or want to punish someone who has wronged you; to overlook a penalty for an offence; to cancel a debt
1:9 – purify	(verb)	to make clean; to free someone from sin or guilt
1:9 – unrighteousness	(noun)	sinfulness; wickedness; the quality of doing what God says is wrong and unjust
1:10 – claim	(verb)	to say something is true without providing good supporting evidence
1:10 – sinned	(verb)	rebelled against God; offended (God or another person); did something wrong
2:1 – defense	(noun)	the power of protecting against attack or harm
2:1 – righteous	(noun)	the quality of doing what is right and just
2:2 – atoning	(adjective)	making amends for a wrong; paying a penalty to restore relationship
2:2 – sacrifice	(noun)	an offering to God as an act of worship
2:3 – obey	(verb)	to carry out instructions; to follow commands
2:4 – liar	(noun)	a person who does not tell the truth
2:5 – truly	(adverb)	really
2:8 – shining	(adjective)	very bright; reflecting light
2:10 – stumble	(verb)	to trip or fall while walking
2:11 – blinded	(verb)	made to be unable to see

2:12 – forgiven	(verb)	to have a penalty overlooked; to have a debt cancelled
2:12 – on account of	(phrase)	because of
2:13 – overcome	(verb)	to master; to win against; to defeat
2:16 – cravings	(pl.noun)	intense longings or desires
2:16 – lust	(noun)	strong desire for something that is wrong, particularly sexual desire for someone you are not married to
2:16 – boasting	(verb)	bragging; speaking proudly

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¹We write you now about something that has always existed. We have heard. We have seen with our own eyes. We have watched, and we have touched with our hands. We write to you about the Word that gives life. ²He who gives life was shown to us. We saw him, and we can give proof about it. And now we tell you that he has life that continues forever. The one who gives this life was with God the Father. God showed him to us. ³Now we tell you what we have seen and heard because we want you to have fellowship with us. The fellowship we share together is with God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to you so that we may be full of joy.

⁵Here is the message we have heard from God and now tell to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶So if we say that we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, then we are liars. We do not follow the truth. ⁷God is in the light. We should live in the light, too. If we live in the light, we share fellowship with each other. And when we live in the light, the blood of the death of Jesus, God's Son, is making us clean from every sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, then we make God a liar. We do not accept God's true teaching.

²¹My dear children, I write this letter to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have Jesus Christ to help us. He is the Righteous One. He defends us before God the Father. ²Jesus died in our place to take away our sins. And Jesus is the way that all people can have their sins taken away, too. ³If we obey what God has told us to do, then we are sure that we truly know God. ⁴If someone says, "I know God!" but does not obey God's commands, then he is a liar. The truth is not in him. ⁵But if someone obeys God's teaching, then God's love has truly arrived at its goal in him. This is how we know that we are following God: ⁶Whoever says that God lives in him must live as Jesus lived. ⁷My dear friends, I am not writing a new command to you. It is the same command you have had since the beginning. It is the teaching you have already heard. ⁸But I am writing a new command to you. This command is true; you can see its truth in Jesus and in yourselves. The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹Someone says, "I am in the light." But if he hates his brother, he is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him that will cause him to do wrong. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in darkness. He lives in darkness and does not know where he is going. The darkness has made him blind.

¹²I write to you, dear children, because your sins are forgiven through Christ.

¹³I write to you, fathers, because you know the One who existed from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you have defeated the Evil One.

¹⁴I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers, because you know the One who existed from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong;

the word of God lives in you, and you have defeated the Evil One.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶These are the evil things in the world: wanting things to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, being too proud of the things we have. But none of those things comes from the Father. All of them come from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away. And everything that people want in the world is passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever.

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