

I John

I ¹What was from the beginning,^a what we heard, what we saw with our eyes, what we watched and our hands handled, concerning the Message^b of life—²and the life was revealed,^c and we have seen and give testimony, and we report also to you^d the eternal life which was beside^e the Father and was revealed to us—³that which we have seen and heard, we report to you, so that you can have partnership with us. But indeed our partnership *is* together with the Father, and together with His Son, Jesus the Anointed One. ⁴And we write these things to you so that our joy can be filled up.

⁵And **this** is the report that we have heard from Him, and *that* we report^f to you: that God is light, and *as for* darkness inside Him, there is none at all.^g ⁶If we were to say that that we have partnership with Him and *yet* walk about in the darkness, we are lying and are not practising^h the truth. ⁷If, though, we are ever walking about in the light, as He is in the light, we have partnership with each other, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

^aOr 'from the authority' (as in sovereignty, rulership)

^bOr 'System', or 'Logic', or 'Argument'

^cOr 'made real', or 'made conspicuous/remarkable'; and hereafter

^dPlural, and hereafter

^eLiterally 'up against'

^fOr 'proclaim', or 'bring news of'

^gLit. 'there is not none'; a negative concord construction

^hOr 'doing', or 'engaging in', or perhaps 'bringing about'