S54 1 JOHN. I.   
   
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 A dobnies, Word of life; 2 (and the life \*was|\* (for the life was mani-   
 Su manifested, and we have seen it, Vested, and we have seen it,   
 18 >and bear witness, and shew   
 auaTy witness, fand declare|unto you that eternal life,   
 and bear   
   
   
 earnestly and thoroughly contemplated.” common one, may be said to have been   
 See more below), aud our hands handled from the beginning concerning the Word   
 (“a reference has been supposed to John xx. of life: that which was inherent indeed in   
 20, 27: Luke xxiv. 39. But there is no Him, but by beg announced to you,   
 need for it. Surely no proof is wanted, takes the form of being concerning Wim ;   
 that Jobn, who lay on the bosom of our His well-known character and attribute.   
 Lord, and was beloved by Him, had That which we have heard, and that   
 touched his Lord with bis hands.” which we have seon with our eyes, hold   
 Vritzsche. These words are not for a a middle place between the eternal and   
 moment to be explained away: they are pre-existent and the material and human   
 literal matter of fact, and form one of the things concerning the Word of life; the   
 strongest proofs that what is said, is said hearing of the ear embracing all the   
 of no other than the personal inearnate teaching of the Lord respecting that which   
 Son of God) concerning the Word of was from the beginning, and the seeing of   
 life (the construction seems to be this: the eye taking in both His glory, as on the   
 concerning depends strictly upon the verb Mount of Transfiguration, and ‘the human   
 heard, loosely upon the other clanses. The Body which He assumed, with all its   
 explanation turns wholly upon the sense actions and sufferings : compare Jolm xix.   
 which we assign to the words the Word 35. Then, still lingering on the com-   
 of life: and here there has been great bined testimony to His pre-existent glory   
 diversity among commentators. This and His human presence in the flesh, he   
 versity may be gathered under two head: adds, that which we looked upon, which   
 those who make the Word the personal contemplation, aa He Himself tells   
 Word, who is life, and those who make through the human into the divine,   
 it the account, or preaching, or doctrine, John i. 14, besides its earnest and diligent   
 concerning life. Of this latter munber observation of His human life. Finally,   
 are, for the most part, Socinus and his he comes down to that which though the   
 school, and some few other expositors. most direct and palpable proof for human   
 ‘The former includes Augustine, Bede, testimony, is yet the lowest, as being only   
 Calvin [gives both], Beza, Luther, Bengel, material’ and sensuous, that which our   
 &e. And as these words are the keystone hands handled, All this concerning Him,   
 of the sentence, it will be well to set out who is the Word of life, is recapitulated   
 the interpretation once for all. I regard again in ver. 8 under its two great heads,   
 then the Word of life as the designation that which we have seen and heard, we   
 of our Lord Himself. He is the Word, declare unto you also. Liicke has very   
 and is the Word of life, this genitive, of fairly stated, and refuted, the Socinia   
 life, being one of apposition, as He de- view which makes that which to be the   
 scribes Himself, as being the Life, Join teaching of Jesus from the beginning of   
 xi, 25, xiv. 6,—the Bread of life, vi. 35, His official life and the Word of   
 48: the Light of life, viii. 12: compare life, as in ch. ii. 7, to mean, the word   
 also, 4. This being so, the things men- which ye heard: rightly stating the fatal   
 tioned, that which,—that which,—that and crucial obstacle to this view to con-   
 which,—are all matters concerning, be- sist in the words, our hands handled,   
 longing to, regarding, Himself, the Lord which none of its advocates can in any   
 of Life: all together predicated of Him way get over). And the Life (i. e. the   
 by the concerning, which more properly Lord Himself who is the Life: compare   
 belongs to the one verb heard [notice that John i. 4, In Him was Life.” This verse   
 in ver. 5, where the nature of the message is parenthetical, taking up the last clause,   
 is stated, this alone, of all these verbs, and indeed the whole sense, of ver. 1,   
 repeated]. That which was from the and showing how the testimony there pre-   
 beginning is His eternal pre-existence dicated became possible) was manifested   
 and inherent Life and Glory with the (from being invisible, became visible),   
 Father: this is what, in a sense slightly, we have seen [it], and bear witness [of