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 whick twas with the Father, unto you that eternal life, ® which »Jooni.1,2   
 and was manifested unto was with the Father, and was mani-   
 us;) that which we have fested unto us;) 3! that which we t Acteiv.   
 seen and heard declare we have seen and heard declare we   
 unto you, that ye also may unto you falso, that ye also may tatso issouna   
 have fellowship with us ; have fellowship with us:   
 and truly our fellowship ‘our fellowship is with the and truly & sori   
 is with the Father, and His   
 with his Son Jesus Christ. and with things write we f,   
 is And message things write + our joy may be Son Jesus Chri this ete tas,   
 we unto you, that your joy f&xvi.24. 2John 12, Vehat tees.   
 may be full. § This then Our two   
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 t So our oldest John xv.   
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 either here or below, refer to the decla- unites the Two in the Gothead, It is not,   
 ration in this present Epistle: it is the fellowship with God and us, but with us,   
 general declaration, in word and writing, whose fellowship is God, the Father   
 of which the write we below, ver. 4, is and the Son) His Son Jesus Christ (the   
 the special portion at present employed) personal and the Messianic Names ‘are   
 to you (“ that life which is eternal, life, \* united, as in John i, 17, where He is first   
 which was with the Father”) was with the mentioned, as here. ‘The question has been   
 Father (sce on John i.1, ‘The preposition sometimes asked, why we have not here,   
 implies not juxta-position only, but re- “and with the Holy of the Holy ‘The answer   
 lation: hardly however, as some here, not found in the apostolic mode of thonght,   
 Tove: at the same time it sets forth but because, the blessed Spirit being God   
 plainly the distinction of Persons), and dwelling in man, thongh we may be said   
 was manifested to us (here the paren- to have “the fellowship of the Holy   
 thesis ends, and the construction of ver. 1 Ghost,” 2 Cor. xiii. 13,—we would hardly   
 is resumed. But on account of the d be said to have “fellowship with the Holy   
 tance at which that verse now stands, the Ghost”), And these things (i.e. this   
 leading particulars of its sense are re- whole Epistle: not, the foregoing, nor, the   
 capitulated): that which we have heard immediately following) we write, that   
 and seen we declare to you also (this our (our, ie. of usand of you: not, of   
 also here seems to give to the Bpistle the us, as distinguished from you) joy may be   
 character of being addressed to some special fall (the joy spoken of the whole complex   
 circle of Christian readers, beyond those of the Christian life here and hereafter: its,   
 addressed at the conclusion of the Gospel, whole sum is, Joy. As Diisterdieck beau-   
 ch. xx. 31, or we may take it as indicating tifally says, “The peace of reconciliation,   
 “you, who did not hear, nor see, nor the blessed’ consciousness of sonship, the   
 handle with your hands the Word of life.” happy growth in holiness, the bright pros-   
 But the other is more likely), in order pect of fatnre completion and glory,—all   
 that ye also above) may have fellow- these are but simple details of that ‘which   
 ship With us (with ue, the Apostles and in all its length and breadth is embraced   
 eye-witnesses: being hound in faith and by one word, Eternal Life, tle reat posses-   
 love to them, as they were to Christ): and sion of which is the immediate source of   
 indeed (the thought rises to the immea- joy. We have joy, Christ’s joy, be-   
 surably more solemn and glorious cha- ‘¢ are blessed, we have Lite   
 racter of the second fellowship as com- itself in Christ.” ‘It has been noticed   
 pared with the first: as if it were, “and before, that this verse fills the place of   
 this fellowship with us will not stop the greeting so common in the opening of   
 here? for we are but your admitters Epistles, and gives an epistolary character   
 into another and a higher fellowship”) to what follows).   
 our fellowship is with the Father and 5—II. 28.] Finsr Parr oF tHe Epis.   
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 tinguishing the Personality, while the fellowship with Him who is L'ght, we must   
 very fict of the fellowship with Both