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 in him, and he in us, beeause he|#now we that we dwell in   
 hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And him, and he in us, because   
 we have beheld and do testify that | spirit. given us of his   
 >the Father hath sent the Son as| seen and 4 do testify have   
   
 Saviour of the world. 15° Whoso-| the sie Saniour of the Son to   
 ever confesseth that Jesus is the) Whosoever shall confess   
 that Jesus is the Son of   
 Son of God, God abideth in him, God, God dwelleth in him,   
 and he in God. 16And we have and hein God. ° And we   
   
   
   
 perfected (see note ch. ii. 5. Here, as recognition of God’s love is a condition of   
 there, it signifies, has veached its full abiding in Him and He in us: in a word,   
 maturity: the loving one another being is the abiding in love, which is equivalent   
 the token and measure of it) in us (keep to abiding in Him. And we (this we,   
 the primary and obvious sense, “én ws,” emphatic, brings up in sharp relief the   
 «within ns,” as in ch. apostolic body, whom Christ appointed His   
 13.] In this we know that we are abiding witnesses, John xv. 27, Acts i. 8 The   
 in Him and He in us, because He hath assertion is of the same kind as that in ch.   
 given us of His Spirit (nearly repeated i. 1) have beheld (with our eyes: the same   
 from ch. ii, 24. But why introduced word, and in the same sense, as in John 3,   
 here? In the former verse, the fact of 32) and do testify that the Father hath   
 His abiding in us was assured to us, if we sent (clo testify, merely to the historical   
 love one another. Of this fact, when thns fact as a thing past, but to its abiding in-   
 loving, we need atoken. Him we cannot fluence as implied by the words, “ Saviour   
 see: has He given us any testimony of His of the world” below : that the Father sent   
 presence in us? He has given us such a the Son, and that the Son is the Saviour of   
 testimony, in making us partakers of His the world) the Son (better here than “ His   
 Holy Spirit. This fact it is to which the Son:” the Father and the Son are here   
 Apostle here calls our attention, as proving used as theological terms) as Saviour of   
 not the external fact of the sending of the the world (the world here, as in ch. ti,   
 Son [ver. 14], one within oursel John iii, 16, in its widest sense: no eva-   
 the indwelling of God in us, and our abiding sion of this sense, as the “elect in all   
 in Him. It is obvious that all inferences nations,” is to be endured). 15.] And   
 from the expression “given us of His Spi- recognition of this fact is a condition and   
 rit” against the personality of the Holy roof of the life of God. Whosoever con-   
 Ghost. are quite beside the purpose : com- fessoth same remark holds good of this   
 pare Acts ii. 17 with Jool fii. We each confessing, as before regard to denying,   
 dwelling of one and the same ch ii. 28: viz, that we must not bring   
 Spirit, but each according to our into it more than the Apostle intends by   
 , 1 Cor. xii. 4, 11, One only had it: it is not the “ confession of the life”   
 the Spirit without measure, in all His ful- which is here spoken of, but that of the   
 ness: even Christ; John iii. 34. And the only. Of course it would be self-evident   
 presence of the Holy Spirit is most aptly that, this is by the Apostle as ruling   
 adduced here where love is in question, the life; but simply as a matter of course,   
 st fruit being love, and His presence Me speaks of ideal realized) that Jesus   
 being tested hy His fruits). is the Son of God (i.e. receives the testi-   
 14, 15, 16.] The connexion seems to be in the last verse as God abideth   
 this: the inward evidence of God's abiding in him, and he in God. 16.) a) And   
 in us and we in Him, is, the gift of His we (not now the apostolic body only, but   
 Spirit. But this is not the only evidence communicative; the Apostle and his read-   
 nor the only test which w: This ers. This is evident and necessary, be-   
 internal evidence is accompanied by, nay, is canse on the other view the words “in re-   
 itself made possible [see ver. 19] by, our gard to us,” which follow, interpreted as   
 recognition of the Father’s love in sending ‘they must necessarily be of the same per-   
 His Son as our Saviour: which last is a sons, would fit on awkwardly to the re-   
 fact, testified by human evidence. This peated general proposition with which the