Epistula Ioannis I - Chapter 1

- 1 Quod fuit ab initio quod audivimus quod vidimus oculis nostris quod perspeximus et manus nostrae temptaverunt de verbo vitae
- 2 et vita manifestata est et vidimus et testamur et adnuntiamus vobis vitam aeternam quae erat apud Patrem et apparuit nobis
- 3 quod vidimus et audivimus adnuntiamus et vobis ut et vos societatem habeatis nobiscum et declare unto you: that you also may have societas nostra sit cum Patre et cum Filio eius Iesu Christo
- **5** et haec est adnuntiatio quam audivimus ab eo et adnuntiamus vobis quoniam Deus lux est et tenebrae in eo non sunt ullae
- **6** si dixerimus quoniam societatem habemus cum eo et in tenebris ambulamus mentimur et non facimus veritatem
- 7 si autem in luce ambulemus sicut et ipse est in luce societatem habemus ad invicem et sanguis Iesu Filii eius mundat nos ab omni peccato
- **8** si dixerimus quoniam peccatum non habemus ipsi nos seducimus et veritas in nobis non est
- **9** si confiteamur peccata nostra fidelis est et iustus ut remittat nobis peccata et emundet nos forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all ab omni iniquitate
- **10** si dixerimus quoniam non peccavimus mendacem facimus eum et verbum eius non est in nobis

- 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the word of life.
- 2 For the life was manifested; and we have seen and do bear witness and declare unto you the life eternal, which was with the Father and hath appeared to us.
- 3 That which we have seen and have heard, we fellowship with us and our fellowship may be with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- 4 et haec scribimus vobis ut gaudium nostrum sit 4 And these things we write to you, that you may rejoice and your joy may be full.
 - 5 And this is the declaration which we have heard from him and declare unto you: That God is light and in him there is no darkness.
 - 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.
 - 7 But if we walk in the light, as he also is in the light, we have fellowship one with another: And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin
 - 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
 - 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, to iniquity.
 - 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar: and his word is not in us.

- **1** Filioli mei haec scribo vobis ut non peccetis sed et si quis peccaverit advocatum habemus apud Patrem Iesum Christum iustum
- pro nostris autem tantum sed etiam pro totius
- **3** et in hoc scimus quoniam cognovimus eum si mandata eius observemus
- 4 qui dicit se nosse eum et mandata eius non custodit mendax est in hoc veritas non est
- **5** qui autem servat verbum eius vere in hoc ipso sumus
- **6** qui dicit se in ipso manere debet sicut ille ambulavit et ipse ambulare
- **7** carissimi non mandatum novum scribo vobis sed mandatum vetus quod habuistis ab initio mandatum vetus est verbum quod audistis

- 1 My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. But if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the just.
- 2 et ipse est propitiatio pro peccatis nostris non 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole
 - 3 And by this we know that we have known him, if we keep his commandments.
 - 4 He who saith that he knoweth him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar: and the truth is not in him.
- 5 But he that keepeth his word, in him in very caritas Dei perfecta est in hoc scimus quoniam in deed the charity of God is perfected. And by this we know that we are in him.
 - 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.
 - 7 Dearly beloved, I write not a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you have heard.

- 8 iterum mandatum novum scribo vobis quod est 8 Again a new commandment I write unto you: verum et in ipso et in vobis quoniam tenebrae transeunt et lumen verum iam lucet
- **9** qui dicit se in luce esse et fratrem suum odit in **9** He that saith he is in the light and hateth his tenebris est usque adhuc
- **10** qui diligit fratrem suum in lumine manet et scandalum in eo non est
- **11** qui autem odit fratrem suum in tenebris est et in tenebris ambulat et nescit quo eat quoniam whither he goeth: because the darkness hath tenebrae obcaecaverunt oculos eius
- 12 scribo vobis filioli quoniam remittuntur vobis 12 l write unto you, little children, because your peccata propter nomen eius
- 13 scribo vobis patres quoniam cognovistis eum qui ab initio est scribo vobis adulescentes quoniam vicistis malignum
- **14** scripsi vobis infantes quoniam cognovistis Patrem scripsi vobis patres quia cognovistis eum qui ab initio scripsi vobis adulescentes quia fortes estis et verbum Dei in vobis manet et vicistis malignum
- **15** nolite diligere mundum neque ea quae in mundo sunt si quis diligit mundum non est caritas Patris in eo
- **16** quoniam omne quod est in mundo concupiscentia carnis et concupiscentia oculorum est et superbia vitae quae non est ex Patre sed ex mundo est
- 17 et mundus transit et concupiscentia eius qui autem facit voluntatem Dei manet in aeternum
- 18 filioli novissima hora est et sicut audistis quia antichristus venit nunc antichristi multi facti sunt unde scimus quoniam novissima hora est
- 19 ex nobis prodierunt sed non erant ex nobis nam si fuissent ex nobis permansissent utique nobiscum sed ut manifesti sint quoniam non sunt doubt have remained with us: but that they may omnes ex nobis
- omnia
- **21** non scripsi vobis quasi ignorantibus veritatem sed quasi scientibus eam et quoniam omne mendacium ex veritate non est
- **22** quis est mendax nisi is qui negat quoniam lesus non est Christus hic est antichristus qui negat Patrem et Filium
- **23** omnis qui negat Filium nec Patrem habet qui confitetur Filium et Patrem habet
- 24 vos quod audistis ab initio in vobis permaneat si in vobis permanserit quod ab initio audistis et vos in Filio et Patre manebitis
- **25** et haec est repromissio quam ipse pollicitus est nobis vitam aeternam
- **26** haec scripsi vobis de eis qui seducunt vos

- which thing is true both in him and in you, because the darkness is passed and the true light now shineth.
- brother is in darkness even until now.
- 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light: and there is no scandal in him.
- 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness and walketh in darkness and knoweth not blinded his eyes.
- sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
- 13 I write unto you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.
- 14 I write unto you, babes, because you have known the Father. I write unto you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.
- 15 Love not the world, nor the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the charity of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that is in the world is the concupiscence of the flesh and the concupiscence of the eyes and the pride of life, which is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 17 And the world passeth away and the concupiscence thereof: but he that doth the will of God abideth for ever.
- 18 Little children, it is the last hour: and as you have heard that Antichrist cometh, even now there are become many Antichrists: whereby we know that it is the last hour.
- 19 They went out from us but they were not of us. For if they had been of us, they would no be manifest, that they are not all of us.
- 20 sed vos unctionem habetis a Sancto et nostis 20 But you have the unction from the Holy One and know all things.
 - 21 I have not written to you as to them that know not the truth, but as to them that know it: and that no lie is of the truth.
 - 22 Who is a liar, but he who denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is Antichrist, who denieth the Father and the Son.
 - 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father. He that confesseth the Son hath
 - 24 As for you, let that which you have heard from the beginning abide in you. If that abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning, you also shall abide in the Son and in the Father.
 - 25 And this is the promise which he hath promised us, life everlasting.
 - 26 These things have I written to you concerning

- **27** et vos unctionem quam accepistis ab eo manet in vobis et non necesse habetis ut aliquis doceat vos sed sicut unctio eius docet vos de omnibus et verum est et non est mendacium et sicut docuit vos manete in eo
- 28 et nunc filioli manete in eo ut cum apparuerit 28 And now, little children, abide in him, that habeamus fiduciam et non confundamur ab eo in when he shall appear we may have confidence adventu eius
- **29** si scitis quoniam iustus est scitote quoniam et omnis qui facit iustitiam ex ipso natus est

them that seduce you.

- 27 And as for you, let the unction, which you have received from him abide in you. And you have no need that any man teach you: but as his unction teacheth you of all things and is truth and is no lie. And as it hath taught you, abide in
- and not be confounded by him at his coming.
- 29 If you know that he is just, know ye, that every one also who doth justice is born of him.

- 1 Videte qualem caritatem dedit nobis Pater ut filii Dei nominemur et sumus propter hoc mundus non novit nos quia non novit eum
- **2** carissimi nunc filii Dei sumus et nondum apparuit quid erimus scimus quoniam cum apparuerit similes ei erimus quoniam videbimus eum sicuti est
- 3 et omnis qui habet spem hanc in eo sanctificat 3 And every one that hath this hope in him se sicut et ille sanctus est
- **4** omnis qui facit peccatum et iniquitatem facit et peccatum est iniquitas
- 5 et scitis quoniam ille apparuit ut peccata tolleret et peccatum in eo non est
- **6** omnis qui in eo manet non peccat omnis qui peccat non vidit eum nec cognovit eum
- 7 filioli nemo vos seducat qui facit iustitiam iustus est sicut et ille iustus est
- **8** qui facit peccatum ex diabolo est quoniam ab initio diabolus peccat in hoc apparuit Filius Dei ut dissolvat opera diaboli
- **9** omnis qui natus est ex Deo peccatum non facit **9** Whosoever is born of God committeth not sin: quoniam semen ipsius in eo manet et non potest for his seed abideth in him. And he cannot sin, peccare quoniam ex Deo natus est
- 10 in hoc manifesti sunt filii Dei et filii diaboli omnis qui non est iustus non est de Deo et qui non diligit fratrem suum
- **11** quoniam haec est adnuntiatio quam audistis ab initio ut diligamus alterutrum
- 12 non sicut Cain ex maligno erat et occidit fratrem suum et propter quid occidit eum quoniam opera eius maligna erant fratris autem eius iusta
- **13** nolite mirari fratres si odit vos mundus
- 14 nos scimus quoniam translati sumus de morte 14 We know that we have passed from death to in vitam quoniam diligimus fratres qui non diligit life, because we love the brethren. He that manet in morte
- scitis quoniam omnis homicida non habet vitam aeternam in se manentem

- 1 Behold what manner of charity the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called and should be the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth not us, because it knew not him.
- 2 Dearly beloved, we are now the sons of God: and it hath not yet appeared what we shall be. We know that when he shall appear we shall be like to him: because we shall see him as he is.
- sanctifieth himself, as he also is holy.
- 4 Whosoever committeth sin committeth also iniquity. And sin is iniquity.
- 5 And you know that he appeared to take away our sins: and in him there is no sin.
- 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: and whosoever sinneth hath not seen him nor known him.
- 7 Little children, let no man deceive you. He that doth justice is just, even as he is just.
- 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God appeared, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- because he is born of God.
- 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whosoever is not just is not of God, or he that loveth not his brother.
- 11 For this is the declaration which you have heard from the beginning, that you should love one another.
- 12 Not as Cain, who was of the wicked one and killed his brother. And wherefore did he kill him? Because his own works were wicked: and his brother's just.
- 13 Wonder not, brethren, if the world hate you.
- loveth not abideth in death
- **15** omnis qui odit fratrem suum homicida est et 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself.

- **16** in hoc cognovimus caritatem quoniam ille pro nobis animam suam posuit et nos debemus pro fratribus animas ponere
- 17 qui habuerit substantiam mundi et viderit fratrem suum necesse habere et clauserit viscera sua ab eo quomodo caritas Dei manet in eo
- 18 filioli non diligamus verbo nec lingua sed opere et veritate
- **19** in hoc cognoscimus quoniam ex veritate sumus et in conspectu eius suadeamus corda nostra
- **20** quoniam si reprehenderit nos cor maior est Deus corde nostro et novit omnia
- 21 carissimi si cor non reprehenderit nos fiduciam habemus ad Deum
- quoniam mandata eius custodimus et ea quae sunt placita coram eo facimus
- 23 et hoc est mandatum eius ut credamus in nomine Filii eius Iesu Christi et diligamus alterutrum sicut dedit mandatum nobis
- 24 et qui servat mandata eius in illo manet et ipse in eo et in hoc scimus quoniam manet in nobis de Spiritu quem nobis dedit

- 16 In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
- 17 He that hath the substance of this world and shall see his brother in need and shall shut up his bowels from him: how doth the charity of God abide in him?
- 18 My little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth
- 19 In this we know that we are of the truth and in his sight shall persuade our hearts.
- 20 For if our heart reprehend us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things.
- 21 Dearly beloved, if our heart do not reprehend us, we have confidence towards God.
- 22 et quodcumque petierimus accipiemus ab eo 22 And whatsoever we shall ask, we shall receive of him: because we keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing in his sight.
 - 23 And this is his commandment: That we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as he hath given commandment unto us.
 - 24 And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And in this we know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us.

- 1 Carissimi nolite omni spiritui credere sed probate spiritus si ex Deo sint quoniam multi pseudoprophetae exierunt in mundum
- 2 in hoc cognoscitur Spiritus Dei omnis spiritus qui confitetur lesum Christum in carne venisse ex Deo est
- **3** et omnis spiritus qui solvit Iesum ex Deo non est et hoc est antichristi quod audistis quoniam venit et nunc iam in mundo est
- 4 vos ex Deo estis filioli et vicistis eos quoniam maior est qui in vobis est quam qui in mundo
- **5** ipsi de mundo sunt ideo de mundo loquuntur et mundus eos audit
- 6 nos ex Deo sumus qui novit Deum audit nos qui non est ex Deo non audit nos in hoc cognoscimus Spiritum veritatis et spiritum erroris
- 7 carissimi diligamus invicem quoniam caritas ex 7 Dearly beloved, let us love one another: for Deo est et omnis qui diligit ex Deo natus est et cognoscit Deum
- **8** qui non diligit non novit Deum quoniam Deus caritas est
- **9** in hoc apparuit caritas Dei in nobis quoniam Filium suum unigenitum misit Deus in mundum ut vivamus per eum
- **10** in hoc est caritas non quasi nos dilexerimus

- 1 Dearly beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits if they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- 2 By this is the spirit of God known. Every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- 3 And every spirit that dissolveth Jesus is not of God. And this is Antichrist, of whom you have heard that he cometh: and he is now already in the world.
- 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome him. Because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- 5 They are of the world. Therefore of the world they speak: and the world heareth them.
- 6 We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us. He that is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of
- charity is of God. And every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.
- 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is charity.
- 9 By this hath the charity of God appeared towards us, because God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we may live by him.
- 10 In this is charity: not as though we had loved

Deum sed quoniam ipse dilexit nos et misit Filium suum propitiationem pro peccatis nostris his Son to be a propitiation for our sins.

- 11 carissimi si sic Deus dilexit nos et nos debemus alterutrum diligere
- **12** Deum nemo vidit umquam si diligamus invicem Deus in nobis manet et caritas eius in nobis perfecta est
- 13 in hoc intellegimus quoniam in eo manemus et ipse in nobis quoniam de Spiritu suo dedit nobis
- 14 et nos vidimus et testificamur quoniam Pater misit Filium salvatorem mundi
- 15 quisque confessus fuerit quoniam lesus est Filius Dei Deus in eo manet et ipse in Deo
- 16 et nos cognovimus et credidimus caritati quam habet Deus in nobis Deus caritas est et qui manet in caritate in Deo manet et Deus in eo
- 17 in hoc perfecta est caritas nobiscum ut fiduciam habeamus in die iudicii quia sicut ille est et nos sumus in hoc mundo
- 18 timor non est in caritate sed perfecta caritas foras mittit timorem quoniam timor poenam habet qui autem timet non est perfectus in caritate
- **19** nos ergo diligamus quoniam Deus prior dilexit nos
- **20** si quis dixerit quoniam diligo Deum et fratrem suum oderit mendax est qui enim non diligit fratrem suum quem vidit Deum quem non vidit quomodo potest diligere
- **21** et hoc mandatum habemus ab eo ut qui diligit Deum diligat et fratrem suum

- God, but because he hath first loved us, and sent
- 11 My dearest, if God hath so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abideth in us: and his charity is perfected in us.
- 13 In this we know that we abide in him, and he in us: because he hath given us of his spirit.
- 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father hath sent his Son to be the Saviour of the
- 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.
- 16 And we have known and have believed the charity which God hath to us. God is charity: and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him.
- 17 In this is the charity of God perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment: because as he is, we also are in this world.
- 18 Fear is not in charity: but perfect charity casteth out fear, because fear hath sin. And he that feareth is not perfected in charity.
- 19 Let us therefore love God: because God first hath loved us.
- 20 If any man say: I love God, and hateth his brother; he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he seeth, how can he love God whom he seeth not?
- 21 And this commandment we have from God, that he who loveth God love also his brother.

- 1 Omnis qui credit quoniam lesus est Christus ex Deo natus est et omnis qui diligit eum qui genuit diligit eum qui natus est ex eo
- **2** in hoc cognoscimus quoniam diligimus natos Dei cum Deum diligamus et mandata eius faciamus
- **3** haec est enim caritas Dei ut mandata eius custodiamus et mandata eius gravia non sunt
- 4 quoniam omne quod natum est ex Deo vincit mundum et haec est victoria quae vincit mundum fides nostra
- 5 quis est qui vincit mundum nisi qui credit quoniam Iesus est Filius Dei
- Christus non in aqua solum sed in aqua et sanguine et Spiritus est qui testificatur quoniam And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is Christus est veritas
- 7 quia tres sunt qui testimonium dant
- 8 Spiritus et aqua et sanguis et tres unum sunt

- 1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. And every one that loveth him who begot, loveth him also who is born of him.
- 2 In this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the charity of God: That we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not
- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory which overcameth the world: Our faith.
- 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- **6** hic est qui venit per aquam et sanguinem Iesus **6** This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only but by water and blood. the truth.
 - 7 And there are Three who give testimony
 - 8 the spirit and the water and the blood. And

- 9 si testimonium hominum accipimus testimonium Dei maius est quoniam hoc est testimonium Dei quod maius est quia testificatus est de Filio suo
- 10 qui credit in Filio Dei habet testimonium Dei in se qui non credit Filio mendacem facit eum quoniam non credidit in testimonio quod testificatus est Deus de Filio suo
- **11** et hoc est testimonium quoniam vitam aeternam dedit nobis Deus et haec vita in Filio eius est
- **12** qui habet Filium habet vitam qui non habet Filium Dei vitam non habet
- 13 haec scripsi vobis ut sciatis quoniam vitam habetis aeternam qui creditis in nomine Filii Dei
- 14 et haec est fiducia quam habemus ad eum quia quodcumque petierimus secundum voluntatem eius audit nos
- 15 et scimus quoniam audit nos quicquid petierimus scimus quoniam habemus petitiones we ask: we know that we have the petitions quas postulavimus ab eo
- **16** qui scit fratrem suum peccare peccatum non 16 He that knoweth his brother to sin a sin which ad mortem petet et dabit ei vitam peccantibus non ad mortem est peccatum ad mortem non pro to him who sinneth not to death. There is a sin illo dico ut roget
- 17 omnis iniquitas peccatum est et est peccatum non ad mortem
- **18** scimus quoniam omnis qui natus est ex Deo non peccat sed generatio Dei conservat eum et malignus non tangit eum
- **19** scimus quoniam ex Deo sumus et mundus totus in maligno positus est
- **20** et scimus quoniam Filius Dei venit et dedit nobis sensum ut cognoscamus verum Deum et simus in vero Filio eius hic est verus Deus et vita know the true God and may be in his true Son. aeterna
- **21** filioli custodite vos a simulacris

- these three are one.
- 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater. For this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because he hath testified of his Son.
- 10 He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself. He that believeth not the Son maketh him a liar: because he believeth not in the testimony which God hath testified of his Son.
- 11 And this is the testimony that God hath given to us eternal life. And this life is in his Son.
- 12 He that hath the Son hath life. He that hath not the Son hath not life.
- 13 These things I write to you that you may know that you have eternal life: you who believe in the name of the Son of God.
- 14 And this is the confidence which we have towards him: That, whatsoever we shall ask according to his will, he heareth us.
- 15 And we know that he heareth us whatsoever which we request of him.
- is not to death, let him ask: and life shall be given unto death. For that I say not that any man ask.
- 17 All iniquity is sin. And there is a sin unto
- 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not: but the generation of God preserveth him and the wicked one toucheth him not
- 19 We know that we are of God and the whole world is seated in wickedness.
- 20 And we know that the Son of God is come. And he hath given us understanding that we may This is the true God and life eternal.
- 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.