

1 John 1:1 Ὅ ἦν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, ὃ ἀκηκόαμεν, ὃ ἑώρακαμεν τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν, ὃ ἔθεασάμεθα καὶ αἱ χεῖρες ἡμῶν ἐψηλάφησαν περὶ τοῦ λόγου τῆς ζωῆς-

1 John 1:1 This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and our hands have touched (concerning the word of life-

John 1:1-4 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard with our ears, which we have seen with our own eyes, and our own hands have handled concerning the Word of Life— the Life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness, and we declare unto you the Life of the Ages which was with (toward) the Father but was manifested to us— that which we have seen and listened to we now announce to you also, in order that you also may have share in this life with us, and this fellowship with us is sharing of the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. We write these things in order that our joy may be made complete.*

God has given you all a certain amount of spiritual insight, and indeed I have not written this warning as if I were writing to men who don't know what error is. I write because your eyes are clear enough to discern a lie when you come across it. And what, I ask you, is the crowning lie? Surely the denial that Jesus is God's anointed one, his Christ. I say, therefore, that any man who refuses to acknowledge the Father and the Son is an anti-christ. The man who will not recognize the Son cannot possibly know the Father; yet the man who believes in the Son will find that he knows the Father as well. For yourselves I beg you to stick to the original teaching. If you do, you will be living in fellowship with both the Father and the Son. And that means sharing his own life forever, as he has promised. (Phillips paraphrased)

I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Messiah. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—eternal life. (1Jo 2:21-25 TNIV)

I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. (1Jo 2:21-25 NRS)

I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. (1Jo 2:21 ESV)