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1 JOHN (Yeho'nath'an)

^{1.1} 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 ^{1.2} and The Life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you: The Eternal Life which was with the Father and was revealed to us).

^{1.3} What we have seen and heard, we announce to you also, in order that you also may have fellowship with us

(and indeed our fellowship with the Father and with His son, Yeho'shua, The Anointed One).

^{1.4} And this we write, in order that our joy may be full.

^{1.5} And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light and there *is* no darkness in Him at all. ^{1.6} If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not *live a lifestyle of* The Truth. ^{1.7} But if we walk in The Light as He is in The Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeho'shua, His Son, cleanses us from all misdeeds. ^{1.8} If we say that we do not *commit* misdeeds, we wander off and The Truth is not in us. ^{1.9} *However*, if we agree *that we have* misdeeds, He is faithful and just, so that He will forgive *our* misdeeds and will cleanse us from all unhealthy relational living. ^{1.10} If we say that we have no misdeeds, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us (^{2.1} My little children, I am writing this to you in order that you may not *commit* misdeeds). But if anyone *commits a* misdeed, we have an Advocate with the Father, Yeho'shua, the Anointed One, the Healthy-Living *One*, ^{2.2} and He is the reconciling gift for our misdeeds, and not for ours only, but also for the whole

world. ^{2.3} And by this we know that we have come to know Him: if we keep His commandments. ^{2.4} The one who says “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and The Truth is not in them. ^{2.5} But whoever keeps His Word, truly in this person the love of God has been matured. By this we know that we are in Him: ^{2.6} the one who says, “I abide in Him” ought also to walk just as that One walked.

^{2.7} Loved *ones*, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the message which you have heard. ^{2.8} Again, I am *having to* write a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the True Light already is shining. ^{2.9} The one who says, “*I am* in The Light” and hates their *spiritual* siblings, is in the darkness until now. ^{2.10} The one who loves their *spiritual* siblings abides in The Light and there is no cause for stumbling in them. ^{2.11} But the one who hates their *spiritual* siblings is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does

not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes.

^{2.12} I am writing to you little children, because your misdeeds have been forgiven you on account of His Name.

^{2.13} I am writing to you, *mature ones*, because you have known The *One Who is* from the beginning.

I am writing to you, *adolescent ones*, because you have conquered the unhealthy one.

^{2.14} I have written to you, *immature ones*, because you have known the Father.

I have written to you, *mature ones*, because you have known the *One Who is* from the beginning.

I have written to
you, *adolescent
ones*, because
you are strong,
and The Word
of God abides
in you, and you
have conquered
the unhealthy one.

^{2.15} Do not love the *order of this* world or *what* the world *offers or promises*. If anyone loves the *order of this* world, the love of the Father is not in them, ^{2.16} because everything *that is* in the *order of this* world (the *unsubmitted natural* cravings of the flesh, the *unsubmitted natural* cravings of the eyes, and the self-assurance in life's *circumstances*) is not from the Father, but is from the *order of this* world. ^{2.17} And the *order of this* world is passing away along with its *unsubmitted natural* cravings, but the one who does the will of God abides amidst this progressing timeframe.

^{2.18} Children, it is the last hour, and just as you have heard that opposition to The Anointed One is coming, even now many opposing The Anointed One have arisen, by which we know that it is the last hour. ^{2.19} They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they

would have abided with us. But they went out, in order that it might be shown that all of them are not of us.

^{2.20} And, you have an anointing from The Uniquely Different One, and you all know. ^{2.21} I have not written to you because you have not known The Truth, but because you do know it, and because every lie is not of The Truth. ^{2.22} Who is the liar except the one who denies that Yeho'shua is The Anointed One? This person is the opposition to the Anointed One — the one who denies The Father and The Son. ^{2.23} Everyone who denies The Son does not have The Father; the one who agrees *with* The Son has The Father also.

^{2.24} *As for* you, what you have heard from the beginning must abide in you. If what you have heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in The Son and in The Father. ^{2.25} And this is the promise which He Himself promised us: eternal life. ^{2.26} This I have written to you concerning the ones who are trying to *lead you to* wander off.

^{2.27} And, the anointing which you received from Him

abides in you, and you do not have need for anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all *this*, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in Him.

^{2.28} And now, little children, remain in Him, so that whenever He is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before Him at His coming. ^{2.29} If you know that He is healthy relational living, you know that everyone *who lives this kind of* lifestyle has been fathered by Him.

^{3.1} See what sort of love The Father has given to us: that we should be called children of God, and we are! Because of this, the *order of this world* does not know us: because it did not know Him. ^{3.2} Loved *ones*, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever He is revealed we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ^{3.3} And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies themselves, just as that One is pure.

^{3.4} Everyone who *lives a lifestyle of* misdeeds also *lives a lifestyle of* disorder, and *intentional* misdeeds are disorder. ^{3.5} And

you know that He was revealed in order that He might take away misdeeds, and in Him is no misdeed. ^{3.6} Everyone who abides in Him does not *commit* misdeeds. Everyone who *commits* misdeeds has neither seen Him or knows Him. ^{3.7} Little children, let no one *lead you to* wander off: the one who *lives* a lifestyle of healthy relational living is living healthy, just as that One is living relationally healthy. ^{3.8} The one who *lives a lifestyle of* misdeeds is of the accuser, because the accuser has been *living a lifestyle of* misdeeds from the beginning. For this *reason*, The Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the accuser. ^{3.9} Everyone who is fathered by God does not *live a lifestyle of* misdeeds, because His Seed abides in them, and is not able to *live a lifestyle of* misdeeds, because they has been fathered by God. ^{3.10} By this the children of God and the children of the accuser are made obvious: everyone who does not *live* a lifestyle of healthy relational living is not of God, namely, the one who does not love their *spiritual* siblings.

^{3.11} For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning: that we should love

one another, ^{3.12} not as Qayin, who was of the unhealthy one and violently murdered his brother. And on account of what did he violently murder him? Because his deeds were unhealthy and the *deeds* of his brother *were relationally* healthy.

^{3.13} Do not marvel, *my spiritual* siblings, if the world hates you. ^{3.14} We know that we have passed over from death to life because we love *our spiritual* siblings. The one who does not love abides in death. ^{3.15} Everyone who hates their *spiritual* siblings is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have eternal life abiding in them. ^{3.16} We know love by this: that one laid down His life on behalf of us, and we should lay down our lives on behalf of *our spiritual* siblings. ^{3.17} But whoever has the world's self-assurance in life's *circumstances* and observes his *spiritual* siblings in need but shuts *off* their heart toward them, how can the love of God abide in that person?

^{3.18} Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and Truth. ^{3.19} By *these deeds* we know that we are of The Truth and reassure our heart before Him ^{3.20} in whatever our heart condemns us

since God is greater than our heart and knows all *this*.

^{3.21} Loved *ones*, if our heart does not condemn *us*, we have confidence before God, ^{3.22} and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do *what is* pleasing in the sight of Him. ^{3.23} And this is His commandment: that we believe in The Name of His Son, Yeho'shua, The Anointed One, and love one another, just as He commanded us. ^{3.24} And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us: by the Spirit whom He has given to us.

^{4.1} Loved *ones*, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits *to determine* if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ^{4.2} By this you know The Spirit of God: every spirit that agrees *that* Yeho'shua, The Anointed One, has come in the flesh is from God, ^{4.3} and every spirit that does not agree *with* Yeho'shua is not from God, and this is the *spirit* of the opposition to The Anointed One, *of* which you have heard that it is coming, and now is already in the *order of the* world.

^{4.4}You are from God, little children, and have conquered them, because The One in you is greater than the one in the *order of the world*. ^{4.5}They are from the *order of the world*; because of this they speak from the *order of the world* and *those who are after the order of the world* listens to them. ^{4.6}We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we discern the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of *one who leads you to wander off*.

^{4.7}Loved *ones*, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. ^{4.8}The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ^{4.9}By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God sent His one and only Son into the world in order that we may live through Him. ^{4.10}In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son *to be* the reconciling gift for our misdeeds.

^{4.11}Loved *ones*, if God loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another. ^{4.12}No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides

in us and his love is perfected in us. ^{4.13}By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us: that He has given us of His Spirit. ^{4.14}And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son, *the Deliverer of the world*.

^{4.15}Whoever agrees that Yeho'shua is the Son of God, God abides in them and they in God. ^{4.16}And we have come to know and have believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them. ^{4.17}By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of decision, because just as that one is, *so* also are we in this world. ^{4.18}*There* is no fear in love, but mature love drives out fear, because fear holds *onto* correction, and the one who is afraid has not been matured in love. ^{4.19}We love, because He first loved us.

^{4.20}If anyone says, "I love God," and hates their *spiritual* sibling, they are a liar, for the one who does not love their *spiritual* sibling whom they have seen is not able to love God whom they have not seen. ^{4.21}And this *is* the commandment we have from Him: that

the one who loves God should love their *spiritual* siblings also.

^{5.1} Everyone who believes that Yeho'shua is *The Anointed One* has been fathered by God, and everyone who loves the One who fathers also loves the *child* fathered by Him. ^{5.2} By this we know that we love the children of God: whenever we love God and keep His commandments. ^{5.3} For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, ^{5.4} because everyone who is fathered by God conquers the *order of the* world.

And this is the victory which has conquered the world: our faith. ^{5.5} Now who is the one who conquers the world except the one who believes that Yeho'shua is the Son of God? ^{5.6} This is the one who came by water and blood — Yeho'shua, The Anointed One, not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ^{5.7} For *there* are three that testify, ^{5.8} the Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are for the one.

^{5.9} If we receive the testimony of people, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God that He has testified concerning His Son. ^{5.10} The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in themselves. The one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because they have not believed in the testimony that God has testified concerning His Son. ^{5.11} And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ^{5.12} The one who has The Son has the life; the one who does not have The Son of God does not have the life.

^{5.13} I have written this to you who believe in The Name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

^{5.14} And this is the confidence that we have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His desires, He hears us. ^{5.15} And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked from Him. ^{5.16} If anyone should see their *spiritual* sibling committing a misdeed not *leading* to death, they should ask, and they will

grant life to them, to those who commit a misdeed not *leading* to death. (*There* are misdeeds *leading* to death; I do not say that they should ask about that. ^{5.17} All unhealthy relational living is *committing* misdeeds, and *there* are misdeeds not *leading* to death.)

^{5.18} We know that everyone who is fathered by God does not *live a lifestyle of* misdeeds, but the one fathered by God, He protects them, and the unhealthy one does not touch

them. ^{5.19} We know that we are from God, and the whole *order of the* world lies in the unhealthy one. ^{5.20} And we know that The Son of God has come and has given us understanding, in order that we may know The One who is True, and we are in The One who is True, in His Son, Yeho'shua, The Anointed One. This One is The True God and Eternal Life. ^{5.21} Little children, guard yourselves from *anything that hinders or replaces your trust in The True God.*

2 JOHN (Yeho'nath'an)

^{1.1} The elder, to the favorite lady and her children, whom I love in truth — and not I alone, but also all those who know The Truth — ^{1.2} because of The Truth that abides in us and will be with us for the age. ^{1.3} Grace, mercy, peace be with us from God The Father and from Yeho'shua, *The Anointed One*, The Son of The Father in truth and love.

^{1.4} I was exceedingly joyful because I found your children walking in truth, just as we received commandment from The Father.

^{1.5} And now I ask you, lady — not as writing a new commandment to you (but that we have had from the beginning) — that we should love one another. ^{1.6} And this is love: that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so walk in it. ^{1.7} For many *who lead you to wander off* have gone out into the world, those who do

not confess Yeho'shua, *The Anointed One*, coming in flesh. This person is the *one who leads you to wander off* and is the opposition to *The Anointed One*! ^{1.8} Watch yourselves that you do not lose what we have worked for — but receive a full reward.

^{1.9} Everyone who goes too far and does not remain in the teaching of *The Anointed One* does not have God. The one who abides in the teaching — this person has both The Father and The Son. ^{1.10} If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive them into *your* house and do not speak a greeting to them, ^{1.11} because the one who speaks a greeting to them shares in their unhealthy deeds.

^{1.12} I have much to write to you, I do not want to by paper and ink, but I hope to be with you and to speak *face to face*, so that your joy may be complete.

^{1.13} The children of your elect sister greet you.

3 JOHN (Yeho'nath'an)

^{1.1}The elder, to Gaius the loved *one*, whom I love in truth.

^{1.2}Loved *one*, I pray you may prosper concerning everything and be healthy, just as your soul prospers. ^{1.3}For I exceedingly rejoiced *when* brothers came and testified *to* your truth, just as you are walking in truth. ^{1.4}I have no greater joy than this: that I hear my children are walking in The Truth.

^{1.5}Loved *one*, you do faithfully *in* whatever you do for the brothers *although they are* strange to you. ^{1.6}They have testified *to* your love before The Church; you will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. ^{1.7}For they have gone out on behalf of The Name, accepting nothing from the unbelievers. ^{1.8}Therefore we ought to support such *people*, so that we become fellow workers with truth.

^{1.9}I wrote something to The Church, but the Diotrephes, who loves himself,

does not accept us. ^{1.10}Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he is doing — *talking nonsense about us* with unhealthy words. And not being content with these, he does not accept the brothers himself, and he hinders those wanting *to* and throws *them* out of The Church. ^{1.11}Loved *ones*, do not imitate unhealthiness, but *do what is* healthy. The one who does healthiness is of God; the one who does unhealthiness has not seen God.

^{1.12}Demetrius has been testified to by all, even by The Truth Himself. And we also testify, and you know that our testimony is true.

^{1.13}I have many things to write to you, but I do not want to write to you by ink and pen. ^{1.14}But I hope to see you right away, and to speak *face to face*.

^{1.15}Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

