

OTHER LETTERS

FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Introduction

The authentic Christian is known by several signs: fulfills the commandments, avoid sins and practices justice, confesses Jesus as Messiah and, especially, loves neighbor. God is light, God is love.

The old tradition has attributed this letter to John, the author of the gospel. The similarity between these two writings is obvious.

1 ¹This is what has been from the beginning, and what we have heard and have seen with our own eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, I mean the *Word* who is Life...

²The *Life* made *itself* known, we have seen Eternal Life and we bear witness, and we are telling you of it. It was with the Father and made himself known to us.

³So we tell you what we have seen and heard, that you may be in fellowship with us, and us, with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

⁴And we write this that our joy may be complete.

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