

The First Epistle of John

...so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ (1John 1:3)

1John 1:1-10

Additional notes on verses 2-4:

This is a verse-long parenthesis

What does a parenthetical comment usually indicate?
Some additional facts or information about the subject.

What does John mean by his use of a parenthetical comment in this verse – what important information is he adding?

The Greek behind “manifested” (*phaneroo*) = to make known what already exists.

It is the eternal life which was with the Father and then appeared to us.
Compare Jn 1:1-2.

Does anyone know the Greek for “fellowship?”

Hymōn (=Your) vs *hēmōn* (=our). These words were apparently pronounced virtually identically, which may signify verbal transmission (the earliest and best copies have “our”).

Verse 5-7:

John now leaves the Prologue and begins by teaching something fundamental about God’s character. What is that?

Here begins three tests of life, each beginning with the words “if we say..”

Each test takes the same form: A false claim followed by its antidote.

Who is making these false claims?

The early Gnostics believed that they could *be* righteous without necessarily *doing* righteousness. .

2Cor 6:14

If we are in the light, we obtain 2 benefits: What are they?

Why is the verb “cleanses” in the present tense?

1John 2:1