**1 John 1, ESV**

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**The Word of Life**

1 That

 which was from the beginning,

 which we have heard,

 which we have seen with our eyes,

 which we looked upon

 and

 have touched with our hands,

 concerning the word of life –

2 the life was made manifest,

 and

 we have seen it,

 and

 testify to it

 and

 proclaim to you the eternal life,

 which was with the Father

 and

 was made manifest to us –

3 that

 which we have seen

 and

 heard

 we proclaim also to you,

 so that

 you too may have fellowship with us;

 and indeed

 our fellowship is with the Father

 and

 with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And

 we are writing these things

 so that our joy (some manuscript “your”) may be complete.

**Walking in the Light**

5 This is the message

 we have heard from him

 and

 proclaim to you,

 that God is light,

 and

 in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say

 we have fellowship with him

 while

 we walk in darkness,

 we lie (linking forward to v. 10)

 and

 do not practice the truth.

7 But

 if we walk in the light,

 as he is in the light,

 we have fellowship with one another,

 and

 the blood of Jesus

 his Son

 cleanses us from all sin (linking vv. 5, 6 light/darkness and vv. 8-10 sin/righteousness).

8 If we say

 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 forgive us our sins

 and

 to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say

 we have not sinned,

 we make him a liar (linking backward to v. 6),

 and

 his word is not in us (linking “word” back to v. 1).