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**<sup>1</sup> What was from the beginning,**

**what we heard,**

**what we saw with our eyes, what we observed,**

**and touched with our hands/** John is saying, **we touched Him!**

All their senses were functioning, they did not dream any of it. This **we** is the apostle John... his brother was James, the first disciple to die for his faith in Jesus Christ; John was the last of the 12 original disciples, speaking for those 120 men and women in the upper room... who followed Jesus... and to whom He appeared after His resurrection. The people who went and gave their lives... that we might know this Jesus... whom they touched; and who touched **them!**



John lets us know... this is nothing they dreamed up. They never imagined it. John is still amazed.

## **Concerning the Word of life;**

**<sup>2</sup> -- for that life was revealed** / the life of God appeared,

**and we saw it, and bear witness and show to you that Eternal life, which was with the Father, and was shown to us** / each of us, who they willingly put their life on the line for what they saw and knew; they were eyewitnesses, with first-hand knowledge,

**<sup>3</sup> What we saw and heard, we also declare to you, so that you have fellowship with us:**

and truly our community is **with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>4</sup> And this we write to you, that you too are full of joy.**

**<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we heard from Him,**

**and declare to you,**

**that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all** / skotia, of the 14 times in the NT this word is translated darkness, John uses this word 7 times in this letter. Where God is, He is clothed in light. The first words the Spirit of God spoke to the creation was: turn on the lights! Dr. Dallas Willard who asked: what started it all? stated, isn't it interesting, when you enter a room and turn on the light, darkness immediately disappears. John wants us to associate with the God who is light, and not with shady people.

**<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him** / with God the Father,

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**and walk in darkness, we lie** / **peripateo**, used 5 times; where are we going? It is a common activity, able to be done thoughtlessly, first thing each day when we get up and get moving: to advance step by step; John wants us to pursue a course walking in the light of the Lord; step by step in His words and lessons of the heart.

John says, we can't claim our stepping and stumbling and driving around lost, bumping and breaking our carcass... is evidence we are in the neighborhood where God lives. Notice this **we** is John, the disciples, and everyone who hears this message, including us!

**If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and yet walk in darkness, we lie, and do **not** the truth** / remember, this is no finger pointing verse. It's the great apostle John speaking, the disciple whom Jesus loved... he includes himself:

**7 But if we walk** / step by step, **advancing in the light, as He is in the light**

/ and did you notice? The word: **perfectly** is not in this verse. The psalmist says: the word of our God is a light to our feet. In this very imperfect world where Jesus had to come, at the very best We are imperfectly advancing toward Him who is perfect... **so don't stop! Keep going!** He cares about you.

**if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.****

**8 If we say that we have **no** sin** / no falling short; no error... no missing the mark,

**we deceive ourselves, and the truth is **not** in us.**

**9 If we confess our sins** / to Him; if we go quickly to Him, taking our failures with us. David wrote, Against You alone I sin and do evil in Your sight -- Psalm 51.

**He is faithful and just** / He has the legal right, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all that is not right.

**10 If we say that we have **not** sinned, we make Him a liar,**

**and His word... is **not** in us.**

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