

ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ Α'

Prologue

1:1 Ὁ ἦν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, ὁ ἀκηκόαμεν, ὁ ἐωράκαμεν τοῖς ὄφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν, ὁ ἐθεασάμεθα καὶ αἱ χεῖρες ἡμῶν ἐψηλάφησαν περὶ τοῦ λόγου τῆς Ζωῆς—**2** καὶ ἡ Ζωὴ ἐφανερώθη, καὶ ἐωράκαμεν καὶ μαρτυροῦμεν καὶ ἀπαγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν τὴν Ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον ἥτις ἦν πρὸς τὸν Πατέρα καὶ ἐφανερώθη ἡμῖν—**3** ὁ ἐωράκαμεν καὶ ἀκηκόαμεν ἀπαγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν,^u ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς κοινωνίαν ἔχητε μεθ' ἡμῶν· καὶ ἡ κοινωνία δὲ^v ἡ ἡμετέρα μετὰ τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ μετὰ τοῦ Υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. **4** Καί, ταῦτα γράφομεν ὑμῖν^w ἵνα ἡ χαρὰ ἡμῶν^x ἡ πεπληρωμένη.

The conditions of fellowship

God is light

1:5 Καὶ ἔστιν αὕτη^y ἡ ἀγγελία^z ἦν ἀκηκόαμεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀναγγέλλομεν^a ὑμῖν, ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς φῶς ἔστιν καὶ σκοτία ἐν αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδεμία. **6** Ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν^b μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν τῷ σκότει περιπατοῦμεν,^c ψευδόμεθα καὶ οὐ ποιοῦμεν τὴν ἀλήθειαν. **7** Ἐὰν δὲ^d ἐν τῷ φωτὶ περιπατῶμεν ὡς αὐτός ἔστιν ἐν τῷ φωτί, κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' ἀλλήλων, καὶ τὸ αἷμα Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ^e τοῦ Υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ καθαρίζει ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀμαρτίας.

God forgives confessed sin

8 Ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι ἀμαρτίαν οὐκ ἔχομεν, ἔαυτοὺς πλανῶμεν καὶ ἡ Ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῖν.^f **9** Ἐὰν ὁμολογῶμεν τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν, πιστός ἔστιν καὶ δίκαιος ἵνα ἀφῇ ἡμῖν τὰς ἀμαρτίας καὶ καθαρίσῃ^g ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀδικίας. **10** Ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι οὐχ ἡμαρτήκαμεν, ψεύστην ποιοῦμεν αὐτὸν καὶ ὁ λόγος αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῖν.

Jesus Christ is our Advocate

2:1 Τεκνία μου, ταῦτα γράφω ὑμῖν ἵνα μὴ ἀμάρτητε· καὶ ἐάν τις ἀμάρτῃ, Παράκλητον ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν Πατέρα, Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν δίκαιον **2**—καὶ αὐτὸς

^u υμῖν **f³⁵** [94%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | καὶ 1 (ἢ)A,B,C [6%] NU

^v δε *rell* | --- C [10%]

^w υμῖν **f³⁵** C [98.8%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ημεῖς **ἢ** A^yB [1.2%] NU

^x ημῶν **f³⁵** **ἢ**B [59%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | υμῶν A,C [41%] (Some TRs read ‘your’. Either pronoun makes sense, and the difference is in only one letter, but ‘our’ has the better attestation, as well as making better sense.)

^y εστιν αὐτῇ **f³⁵** **ἢ**B,C [78%] RP,HF,CP,NU | ~ 21 A [22%] OC,TR

^z αγγελια **f³⁵** A,B [79%] RP,HF,CP,NU | επαγγελια C [21%] OC,TR | απαγγελια **ἢ** | one other reading

^a αναγγελλομεν **f³⁵** **ἢ**A,B,C [85%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | απαγγελλομεν [15%]

^b εχομεν *rell* | εχωμεν [14%]

^c περιπατουμεν **f³⁵** [29%] | περιπατωμεν **ἢ**A,B,C [71%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU (The verb ‘say’ is properly Subjunctive, being controlled by *εαν*, but the verbs ‘have’ and ‘walk’ are part of a statement and are properly Indicative—only if we are in fact walking in darkness do we become liars for claiming to be in fellowship. So *περιπατουμεν* is correct.)

^d δε *rell* | --- [1.6%] ECM [!?]

^e χριστου **f³⁵** A [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- **ἢ**B,C [5%] NU

^f ουκ εστιν εν ημιν *rell* | ~ 3412 A,C [19%]

^g καθαρισῃ *rell* | καθαρισει A [12%]

ιλασμός ἐστιν περὶ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν· οὐ περὶ τῶν ἡμετέρων δὲ μόνον^h ἀλλὰ καὶ περὶ ὅλου τοῦ κόσμου.

We must keep His commandments

3 Καὶ ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐγνώκαμεν αὐτόν, ἐὰν τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ τηρῶμεν. **4** Οἱ λέγων,ⁱ «Ἐγνωκα αὐτόν,» καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ μὴ τηρῶν, ψεύστης ἐστίν, καὶ ἐν τούτῳ ἡ ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἔστιν. **5** Ὁς δὲ ἀν τηρῇ αὐτοῦ τὸν λόγον, ἀληθῶς ἐν τούτῳ ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ τετελείωται· ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἔσμεν. **6** Οἱ λέγων ἐν αὐτῷ μένειν ὁφεῖλει καθὼς ἐκεῖνος περιεπάτησεν καὶ αὐτὸς οὕτως περιπατεῖν.

An old/new commandment

7 Ἄδελφοί,^k οὐκ ἐντολὴν καινὴν γράφω ὑμῖν, ἀλλ᾽ ἐντολὴν παλαιὰν ἣν εἶχετε ἀπὸ ἀρχῆς· ἡ ἐντολὴ ἡ παλαιά ἐστιν ὁ λόγος ὃν ἡκούσατε ἀπὸ ἀρχῆς.^l **8** Πάλιν, ἐντολὴν καινὴν γράφω ὑμῖν, ὃ ἐστιν ἀληθὲς ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν, ὅτι ἡ σκοτία παράγεται καὶ τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινὸν ἥδη φαίνει. **9** Οἱ λέγων ἐν τῷ φωτὶ εἶναι καὶ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ μισῶν ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ ἐστὶν ἔως ἄρτι. **10** Οἱ ἀγαπῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ φωτὶ μένει, καὶ σκάνδαλον ἐν αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν. **11** Οἱ δὲ μισῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ ἐστὶν καὶ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ περιπατεῖ· καὶ οὐκ οἴδεν^m ποῦ ὑπάγει ὅτι ἡ σκοτία ἐτύφλωσεν τοὺς ὁφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ.

Look out for the enemy!

A bit of poetry

2:12 Γράφω ὑμῖν τεκνία, ὅτι ἀφέωνται ὑμῖν αἱ ἀμαρτίαι διὰ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ **13**— γράφω ὑμῖν πατέρες, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπὸ ἀρχῆς· γράφω ὑμῖν νεανίσκοι, ὅτι νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν· γράφωⁿ ὑμῖν παιδία, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν Πατέρα—**14** ἔγραψα ὑμῖν πατέρες, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπὸ ἀρχῆς· ἔγραψα ὑμῖν νεανίσκοι, ὅτι ισχυροί ἐστε, καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν μένει καὶ νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.

We must not love the ‘world’

15 Μὴ ἀγαπᾶτε τὸν κόσμον, μηδὲ τὰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ· ἐάν τις ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κόσμον, οὐκ ἐστιν ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Πατρὸς ἐν αὐτῷ. **16** Ὄτι πᾶν τὸ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ—ἡ ἐπιθυμία τῆς σαρκὸς καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία τῶν ὁφθαλμῶν καὶ ἡ ἀλαζονεία^o τοῦ βίου—οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τοῦ Πατρὸς ἀλλ᾽ ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου ἐστίν. **17** Καὶ ὁ κόσμος παράγεται, καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία αὐτοῦ, ὁ δὲ ποιῶν τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

^h μονον *rell* | μονων B [13%]

ⁱ λεγων *f³⁵* C [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 οτι ΙΑ,B [20%] NU

^j ουτως *f³⁵* ΙC [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | --- A,B [5%]

^k ἀδελφοι *f³⁵* (83.7%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 μου (1%) | αγαπητοι ΙΑ,B,C (14.9%) NU | two other variants (0.4%)

^l απ αρχης *f³⁵* (87.5%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- ΙΑ,B,C (8.1%) NU | omit whole sentence (4.3%)
[homoioteleuton]

^m οιδεν *rell* | ειδεν [12%]

ⁿ γραψω *f³⁵* (80.8%) RP,HF,TR,CP | εγραψα ΙΑ,B,C (18.2%) OC,NU | omit whole verse (1%)
[homoioteleuton] (Verse 12 is an introductory cover statement; in verse 13 John divides the cover group into three sub-categories; in verse 14 he returns to the first two categories.)

^o αλαζονεια *rell* | αλαζονια ΙΑ,B [28%]

A bunch of little antichrists

18 Παιδία, ἐσχάτη ὥρα ἔστιν, καὶ καθὼς ἡκούσατε ὅτι ὁ^p Ἀντίχριστος ἔρχεται, καὶ νῦν ἀντίχριστοι πολλοὶ γεγόνασιν, ὅθεν γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐσχάτη ὥρα ἔστιν. **19** Ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξῆλθον^q ἀλλ’ οὐκ ἡσαν ἐξ ἡμῶν, εἰ γὰρ ἡσαν ἐξ ἡμῶν,^r μεμενήκεισαν ἀν μεθ’ ἡμῶν—ἀλλ’ ἵνα φανερωθῶσιν, ὅτι οὐκ εἰσὶν πάντες ἐξ ἡμῶν.

20 Καὶ ύμεῖς Χρῖσμα ἔχετε ἀπὸ τοῦ ἄγίου καὶ οἴδατε πάντα.^s **21** Οὐκ ἔγραψα ύμῖν ὅτι οὐκ οἴδατε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, ἀλλ’ ὅτι οἴδατε αὐτήν, καὶ ὅτι πᾶν ψεῦδος ἐκ τῆς Ἀληθείας οὐκ ἔστιν.

We must abide in the Truth

22 Τίς ἔστιν ὁ ψεύστης εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀρνούμενος ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ Χριστός; Οὗτός ἔστιν ὁ Ἀντίχριστος, ὁ ἀρνούμενος τὸν Πατέρα καὶ τὸν Υἱόν. **23** Πᾶς ὁ ἀρνούμενος τὸν Υἱὸν οὐδὲ τὸν Πατέρα ἔχει.^t **24** Υμεῖς οὖν,^u ὁ ἡκούσατε ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς ἐν ύμῖν μενέτω· ἐὰν ἐν ύμῖν μείνῃ ὁ ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς ἡκούσατε, καὶ ύμεῖς ἐν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ ἐν τῷ Υἱῷ^v μενεῖτε.

25 Καὶ αὕτη ἔστιν ἡ ἐπαγγελία ἡν αὐτὸς ἐπηγγείλατο ἡμῖν· τὴν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον. **26** Ταῦτα ἔγραψα ύμῖν περὶ τῶν πλανώντων ύμᾶς· **27** καὶ ύμεῖς, τὸ Χρῖσμα ὃ ἐλάβετε ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ ἐν ύμῖν μένει,^w καὶ οὐ χρείαν ἔχετε ἵνα τις διδάσκῃ^x ύμᾶς· ἀλλ’ ως τὸ αὐτὸ^y Χρῖσμα διδάσκει ύμᾶς περὶ πάντων, καὶ ἀληθές ἔστιν καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ψεῦδος—καὶ καθὼς ἐδίδαξεν ύμᾶς, μενεῖτε^z ἐν αὐτῷ.

Remember the accounting at our Lord's return

2:28 Καὶ νῦν, τεκνία, μένετε ἐν αὐτῷ,^a ἵνα ὅταν^b φανερωθῇ ἔχωμεν^c παρρησίαν καὶ μὴ αἰσχυνθῶμεν ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ αὐτοῦ. **29** Ἐὰν εἰδῆτε^d ὅτι δίκαιος ἔστιν, γινώσκετε ὅτι^e πᾶς ὁ ποιῶν τὴν δικαιοσύνην ἐξ αὐτοῦ γεγέννηται.^f

^p ο f³⁵ (A) [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- ΗB,C [3%] NU

^q εξῆλθον f³⁵ Η [97.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ηλθον [2%] | εξηλθαν A,B,C [alone] NU

^r ησαν εξ ημῶν f³⁵ ΗΑ (92.7%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~ 231 B,C (5.3%) NU | --- (2%) [homoioteleuton]

^s παντα f³⁵ A,C (97.2%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | παντες ΗB (2.4%) NU | --- (0.4%) [homoioteleuton]

^t εχει f³⁵ (79.2%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 ο ομολογων τον νιον και τον πατερα 1 ΗA,B,C (20.8%) NU (Some TRs have the addition. John is making the point that to deny either the Father or the Son is to deny them both—the addition is unnecessary, if not distracting.)

^u υμεις ουν f³⁵ [92.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 ΗA,B,C [7%] NU | ~ και 1 [0.6%]

^v πατρι και εν τω νιω f³⁵ Η [35%] CP | ~ 52341 A(B)C [65%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU (John returns to the order in verse 22, a ‘sandwich’.)

^w εν υμιν μενει f³⁵ [87.2%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~ 312 ΗA,B,C [1.2%] NU | ~ μενετω 12 [8.4%] | 12 μενετω [3.2%]

^x διδασκη f³⁵ ΗA,B [71%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | διδασκει C [28%] | two other variants [1%]

^y αυτο f³⁵ A [82%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | αυτου ΗB,C [18%] NU

^z μενειτε f³⁵ [87.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | μενετε ΗA,B,C [12%] NU | μενινατε [0.6%]

^a και νυν τεκνια μενετε εν αυτω f³⁵ A,B,C [85%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | --- Η [15%]

^b οταν f³⁵ (92.6%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | εαν ΗA,B,C (6.2%) NU | οτε (1.2%)

^c εχωμεν f³⁵ Η (80.4%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | σχωμεν A,B,C (8.5%) NU | εχομεν (11.1%)

^d ειδητε f³⁵ ΗB,C [37%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | ιδητε A [59%] CP | οιδατε [4%] (An itacism? The trouble is, it changes the verb. The third variant is based on οιδα, so it’s 41:59. There appears to be a consensus that the minority reading is correct.)

^e οτι f³⁵ B [90.5%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 και ΗA,C [9.5%] NU

^f γεγεννηται rell | γεγενηται [30%]

"We are children of God"

3:1 Ἰδετε ποταπὴν ἀγάπην δέδωκεν^g ἡμῖν ὁ Πατήρ, ἵνα τέκνα Θεοῦ κληθῶμεν.^h Διὰ τοῦτο ὁ κόσμος οὐ γινώσκει ἡμᾶς,ⁱ ὅτι οὐκ ἔγνω αὐτόν.

2 Ἀγαπητοί, νῦν τέκνα Θεοῦ ἐσμεν καὶ οὕπω ἐφανερώθη τί ἐσόμεθα, οἴδαμεν δεյ
ὅτι ἑάν φανερωθῆ ὅμοιοι αὐτῷ ἐσόμεθα, ὅτι ὄψόμεθα αὐτὸν καθὼς ἐστιν **3**—καὶ πᾶς
ὁ ἔχων τὴν ἐλπίδα ταύτην ἐπ’ αὐτῷ ἀγνίζει ἑαυτόν, καθὼς ἐκεῖνος ἀγνός ἐστιν.

"Whoever abides in Him does not sin"

4 Πᾶς ὁ ποιῶν τὴν ἀμαρτίαν καὶ τὴν ἀνομίαν ποιεῖ· καὶ ἡ ἀμαρτία ἐστὶν ἡ ἀνομία.
5 Καὶ οἴδατε ὅτι ἐκεῖνος ἐφανερώθη ἵνα τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν^k ἄρῃ—καὶ ἀμαρτία ἐν
αὐτῷ οὐκ ἐστιν. **6** Πᾶς ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ μένων οὐχ ἀμαρτάνει· καί,^l πᾶς ὁ ἀμαρτάνων οὐχ
ἔωρακεν αὐτὸν οὐδὲ ἔγνωκεν αὐτόν.

7 Τεκνία, μηδεὶς πλανάτω ὑμᾶς· ὁ ποιῶν τὴν δικαιοσύνην δίκαιος ἐστιν, καθὼς
ἐκεῖνος δίκαιος ἐστιν. **8** Ο ποιῶν τὴν ἀμαρτίαν ἐκ τοῦ διαβόλου ἐστίν, ὅτι ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς ὁ
διάβολος ἀμαρτάνει. Εἰς τοῦτο ἐφανερώθη ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ· ἵνα λύσῃ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ
διαβόλου. **9** Πᾶς ὁ γεγεννημένος^m ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀμαρτίαν οὐ ποιεῖ, ὅτι σπέρμα αὐτοῦ
ἐν αὐτῷ μένει· καί, οὐ δύναται ἀμαρτάνειν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ γεγέννηται.ⁿ

Children of God vs children of the devil

10 Ἐν τούτῳ φανερά ἐστιν τὰ τέκνα τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὰ τέκνα τοῦ διαβόλου· πᾶς ὁ
μὴ ποιῶν^o δικαιοσύνην οὐκ ἐστιν ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἀγαπῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ.
11 Ὁτι αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ ἀγγελία^p ἡν ἡκούσατε ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς, ἵνα ἀγαπῶμεν ἀλλήλους **12**—
οὐ καθὼς Κάιν, ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ ἦν καὶ ἔσφαξεν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ χάριν τίνος
ἔσφαξεν αὐτόν; Ὁτι τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ πονηρὰ ἦν, τὰ δὲ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ δίκαια.

13 Μὴ^q θαυμάζετε, ἀδελφοί μου,^r εἰ μισεῖ ὑμᾶς ὁ κόσμος. **14** Ήμεῖς οἴδαμεν ὅτι
μεταβεβήκαμεν ἐκ τοῦ θανάτου εἰς τὴν ζωὴν ὅτι ἀγαπῶμεν τοὺς ἀδελφούς· ὁ μὴ
ἀγαπῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν^s μένει ἐν τῷ θανάτῳ. **15** Πᾶς ὁ μισῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ
ἀνθρωποκτόνος ἐστίν, καὶ οἴδατε ὅτι πᾶς ἀνθρωποκτόνος οὐκ ἔχει ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἐν
ἑαυτῷ^t μένουσαν.

^g δεδωκεν *rell* | εδωκεν A [14%]

^h κληθωμεν *f³⁵* (85.4%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 και εσμεν *NA,B,C* (14.6%) NU (The addition is out of place
here, since John takes up that point in verse two.)

ⁱ ημας *f³⁵* A,B [36%] TR,NU | υμας *NC* [63.5%] RP,HF,OC,CP | --- [0.5%] (John is making a general
statement, so it is properly inclusive—first person.)

^j οιδαμεν δε *f³⁵* [90.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 *NA,B,C* [5.6%] NU | --- [4%]

^k ημων *f³⁵* *NC* [95.8%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- A,B [4.2%] NU

^l και *f³⁵* [20%] CP | --- *NA,B,C* [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU (I take the conjunction to be emphatic, ‘indeed’.)

^m γεγενημενος *rell* | γεγενημενος [15%]

ⁿ γεγενηται *rell* | γεγενηται [16%]

^o ποιων *rell* | 1 την A,C [18%]

^p αγγελια *rell* | επαγγελια *NC* [10%]

^q μη *f³⁵* A,B [93%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | και 1 *NC* [7%] [NU]ECM

^r μου *f³⁵* [88%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- *NA,B,C* [12%] NU

^s τον αδελφον *f³⁵* C (80.5%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 12 αυτου (14.7%) | --- *NA,B* (3.8%) NU | three other variants
(1%)

^t εαυτω *f³⁵* *NA,C* [70%] RP,HF,OC,CP | αυτω B [30%] TR,NU

Love in deed and truth

16 Ἐν τούτῳ ἐγνώκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην· ὅτι ἐκεῖνος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ ἔθηκεν· καὶ ἡμεῖς ὁφείλομεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν τὰς ψυχὰς τιθέναι.^u **17** Ὁς δ' ἀν ἔχῃ^v τὸν βίον τοῦ κόσμου καὶ θεωρῇ^w τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ χρείαν ἔχοντα, καὶ κλείσῃ^x τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτοῦ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ—πῶς ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ μένει^y ἐν αὐτῷ;

18 Τεκνία μου,^z μὴ ἀγαπῶμεν λόγῳ μηδὲ τῇ^a γλώσσῃ, ἀλλ᾽^b ἐν^c ἔργῳ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ
19—καί,^d ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν^e ὅτι ἐκ τῆς Ἄληθείας ἐσμὲν καὶ ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πείσωμεν^f τὰς καρδίας^g ἡμῶν· **20** ὅτι ἐὰν καταγινώσκῃ^h ἡμῶν ἡ καρδία, ὅτι μείζων ἐστὶν ὁ Θεὸς τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν καὶ γινώσκει πάντα.

Confidence toward God

21 Ἀγαπητοί, ἐὰν ἡ καρδία ἡμῶνⁱ μὴ καταγινώσκῃ^j ἡμῶν,^k παρρησίαν ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, **22** καὶ δὲ ἐὰν αἰτῶμεν λαμβάνομεν^l παρ^m αὐτοῦ, ὅτι τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ τηροῦμενⁿ καὶ τὰ ἀρεστὰ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ποιοῦμεν. **23** Καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ ἐντολὴ αὐτοῦ, ἵνα πιστεύσωμεν^o τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ Υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἀγαπῶμεν ἀλλήλους, καθὼς ἔδωκεν ἐντολήν.^p **24** Καὶ ὁ τηρῶν τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ μένει, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν αὐτῷ. Ἐν^q τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι μένει ἐν ἡμῖν· ἐκ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὗ ἡμῖν ἔδωκεν.^r

^u τιθεναι f³⁵ [92%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | θειναι ΙΑ,B,C [8%] NU

^v εχη rell | εχει [15%]

^w θεωρη f³⁵ ΙΑ,B,C [47%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | θεωρει [53%] (An itacism? Θεωρη is parallel to εχη and κλειση; all are in the Subjunctive because of αν.)

^x κλειση rell | κλεισει [14%]

^y μενει f³⁵ [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | μενει [17%] | ambiguous ΙΑ,B,C [1%] | μενη [2%]

^z μου f³⁵ [87%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- ΙΑ,B,C [13%] NU

^a τη f³⁵ A,B,C [85%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | --- (Ι) [15%] TR

^b αλλ f³⁵ B,C [97.5%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | αλλα ΙΑ [2.5%] NU

^c εν f³⁵ ΙΑ,B,C [65%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | --- [35%] TR

^d και f³⁵ ΙC [93.6%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | --- A,B [6%] | αλλ [0.4%]

^e γινωσκομεν f³⁵ [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | γινωσομεθα ΙΑ,B,C [17%] NU | γινωσκομεθα [1%] | three other variants [2%]

^f πεισωμεν f³⁵ [43%] | πεισομεν ΙΑ,B,C [56%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | two other variants [1%] (The assuring is not automatic and is up to us—the Subjunctive is correct.)

^g τας καρδιας f³⁵ ΙC [97.8%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | την καρδιαν A,B [2.2%] NU

^h καταγινωσκη rell | καταγινωσκει [24%]

ⁱ ημων f³⁵ ΙvC [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | --- A,B [3%]

^j καταγινωσκη rell | καταγινωσκει A [29%]

^k ημων f³⁵ ΙvA [97.8%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- B,C [2.2%] NU

^l λαμβανομεν rell | λαμβανωμεν A [16%]

^m παρ f³⁵ [91.5%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | απ ΙΑ,B,C [8.5%] NU

ⁿ τηρουμεν rell | τηρωμεν ΙΑ [10%]

^o πιστευσωμεν f³⁵ B (66.9%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | πιστευωμεν ΙΑ,C (26.5%) | πιστευομεν (5.4%) | πιστευσομεν (1.2%)

^p εντολην f³⁵ [80%] RP,HF,OC,CP | 1 ημιν ΙΑ,B,C [20%] TR,NU

^q εν f³⁵ Ι [30%] CP | και 1 A,B,C^v [70%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU (Given John's fondness for the conjunction, scribes could add it almost without thinking.)

^r ημιν εδωκεν f³⁵ A,B [75%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | ~ 21 Ι [25%] CP

Various instructions

Test the spirits

4:1 Ἀγαπητοί, μὴ παντὶ πνεύματι πιστεύετε, ἀλλὰ δοκιμάζετε τὰ πνεύματα, εἰ ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ ψευδοπροφῆται ἐξεληλύθασιν εἰς τὸν κόσμον. **2** Ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκεται^s τὸ Πνεῦμα τοῦ Θεοῦ· πᾶν πνεῦμα ὃ ὄμοιογεῖ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐν σαρκὶ ἐληλυθότα ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστιν, **3** καὶ πᾶν πνεῦμα ὃ μὴ ὄμοιογεῖ^t Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν^u ἐν σαρκὶ ἐληλυθότα^v ἐκ^w τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔστιν· καί, τοῦτο ἔστιν τὸ τοῦ Ἀντιχρίστου, ὃ ἀκηκόατε ὅτι ἔρχεται—καί, νῦν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἔστιν ἡδη.

4 Ὅμεις ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστε, τεκνία, καὶ νενικήκατε αὐτούς, ὅτι μείζων ἔστιν ὁ ἐν ὑμῖν ἥ ὁ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ. **5** Αὐτοὶ ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου εἰσίν· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου λαλοῦσιν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτῶν ἀκούει. **6** Ὅμεις ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔσμεν· ὁ γινώσκων τὸν Θεόν ἀκούει ἡμῶν· ὃς οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἀκούει ἡμῶν—ἐκ τούτου γινώσκομεν τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πλάνης.

Love one another

7 Ἀγαπητοί, ἀγαπῶμεν ἀλλήλους, ὅτι ἡ ἀγάπη ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστιν καὶ πᾶς ὁ ἀγαπῶν ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ γεγέννηται καὶ γινώσκει τὸν Θεόν. **8** Ο μὴ ἀγαπῶν οὐκ ἔγνω τὸν Θεόν, ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς ἀγάπη ἔστιν. **9** Ἐν τούτῳ ἐφανερώθη ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν· ὅτι τὸν Υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἀπέσταλκεν ὁ Θεὸς^x εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα ζήσωμεν δι’ αὐτοῦ. **10** Ἐν τούτῳ ἔστιν ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐχ ὅτι Ὅμεις ἡγαπήσαμεν^y τὸν Θεόν ἀλλ’ ὅτι αὐτὸς ἡγάπησεν ἡμᾶς—καὶ ἀπέστειλεν τὸν Υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἵλασμὸν περὶ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν. **11** Ἀγαπητοί, εἰ οὕτως ὁ Θεὸς ἡγάπησεν ἡμᾶς καὶ Ὅμεις ὀφείλομεν ἀλλήλους ἀγαπᾶν.

As He is so are we in this world

12 Θεὸν οὐδεὶς πώποτε τεθέαται. Ἐὰν ἀγαπῶμεν ἀλλήλους ὁ Θεὸς ἐν ἡμῖν μένει καὶ ἡ ἀγάπη αὐτοῦ τετελειωμένη ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῖν.^z **13** Ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ μένομεν καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν, ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ Πνεύματος αὐτοῦ δέδωκεν ἡμῖν. **14** Καί, Ὅμεις τεθεάμεθα καὶ μαρτυροῦμεν ὅτι ὁ Πατὴρ ἀπέσταλκεν τὸν Υἱὸν Σωτῆρα τοῦ κόσμου. **15** Ὅς ἀν^a ὄμοιογήσῃ^b ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἔστιν ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Θεὸς ἐν αὐτῷ μένει καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν τῷ Θεῷ. **16** Καὶ Ὅμεις ἐγνώκαμεν καὶ πεπιστεύκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην ἥν ἔχει ὁ

^s γινώσκεται **f³⁵** [67%] RP,HF,CP | γινώσκετε A,B,C [25%] OC,TR,NU | γινώσκομεν **¶** [8%] (Since most versions are based on TR or NU, we are used to the 2nd person, which may have contributed to the use of this passage as a ‘litmus’ test for demonization.)

^t ὄμοιογει **f³⁵** **¶** [73.5%] RP,HF,CP | 1 τον A,B (24.2%) OC,TR,NU | omit sentence [homoioiteleuton] (2%) | one other variant (0.2%)

^u χριστον **f³⁵** (91.4%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- A,B (6%) NU | κυριον **¶** (alone) | omit sentence [homoioiteleuton] (2%) | two other variants (0.4%)

^v εν σαρκι εληλυθοτα **f³⁵** **¶** [94.8%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- A,B (2.6%) NU | omit sentence [homoioiteleuton] (2%) | three other variants (0.6%)

^w εκ **rell** | --- [30%]

^x ο θεος **rell** | --- [15%]

^y ηγαπησαμεν **f³⁵** A [98.2%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ηγαπηκαμεν B [1.6%] NU | ηγαπησεν **¶**

^z τετελειωμενη εστιν εν ημιν **f³⁵** (90.7%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~3412 A (7.9%) NU | ~1342 **¶** B (0.8%) | three other variants (0.6%)

^a αν **f³⁵** **¶**,A [92.5%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | εαν B [7.5%] NU

^b ομοιογηση **rell** | ομοιογησει [16%] | ολολογη A [1%] | ομοιογει [1%]

Θεὸς ἐν ἡμῖν. Ὁ Θεὸς ἀγάπη ἐστίν, καὶ ὁ μένων ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ ἐν τῷ Θεῷ μένει, καὶ ὁ Θεὸς ἐν αὐτῷ.^c 17 Ἐν τούτῳ τετελείωται ἡ ἀγάπη μεθ' ἡμῶν· ἵνα παρρησίαν ἔχωμεν^d ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῆς κρίσεως, ὅτι καθὼς ἐκεῖνός ἐστιν καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐσμεν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ τούτῳ.

There is no fear in love

18 Φόβος οὐκ ἐστιν ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ· ἀλλ’ ἡ τελεία ἀγάπη ἔξω βάλλει τὸν φόβον, ὅτι ὁ φόβος κόλασιν ἔχει· ὁ δὲ φοβούμενος οὐ τετελείωται ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ. 19 Ἡμεῖς ἀγαπῶμεν αὐτὸν^e ὅτι αὐτὸς πρῶτος^f ἡγάπησεν ἡμᾶς.

20 Ἐάν τις εἴπῃ ὅτι «Ἄγαπῶ τὸν Θεόν,» καὶ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ μισεῖ,^g ψεύστης ἐστίν. Ὁ γὰρ μὴ ἀγαπῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ^h ὃν ἐώρακεν, τὸν Θεόν ὃν οὐχ ἐώρακεν πᾶςⁱ δύναται ἀγαπᾶν; 21 Καί, ταύτην τὴν ἐντολὴν ἔχομεν ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ· ἵνα ὁ ἀγαπῶν τὸν Θεόν ἀγαπᾷ καὶ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ.

Our faith overcomes the world

5:1 Πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ γεγέννηται· καὶ πᾶς ὁ ἀγαπῶν τὸν γεννήσαντα ἀγαπᾷ καὶ^j τὸν γεγεννημένον ἔξ αὐτοῦ. 2 Ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἀγαπῶμεν τὰ τέκνα τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὅταν τὸν Θεόν ἀγαπῶμεν καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ τηρῶμεν.^k 3 Αὕτη γάρ ἐστιν ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἵνα τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ τηρῶμεν· καὶ αἱ ἐντολαὶ αὐτοῦ βαρεῖαι οὐκ εἰσίν, 4 ὅτι πᾶν τὸ γεγεννημένον ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ νικᾷ τὸν κόσμον· καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ νίκη ἡ νικήσασα τὸν κόσμον· ἡ πίστις ἡμῶν.^l 5 Τίς ἐστιν^m ὁ νικῶν τὸν κόσμον εἰ μὴ ὁ πιστεύων ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ;

Receive the witness of God

6 Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἔλθων δι’ ὄντας καὶ αἴματος,ⁿ Ἰησοῦς^o Χριστός—οὐκ ἐν τῷ ὄνται μόνον, ἀλλ’ ἐν τῷ ὄνται καὶ^p τῷ αἵματι. Καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐστιν τὸ μαρτυροῦν, ὅτι τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐστιν ἡ ἀλήθεια· 7 ὅτι τρεῖς εἰσιν οἱ μαρτυροῦντες^q—8 τὸ Πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ

^c αυτῷ **f³⁵** A [37%] OC,TR | 1 μενει ΚB [63%] RP,HF,CP,NU (Since the repetition of the verb is unnecessary, does it become the harder reading?)

^d ἔχωμεν **rell** | εχομεν Κ [12%] | σχωμεν [1%]

^e αυτον **f³⁵** [84%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- A,B [2.6%] NU | τον θεον Κ048 [13.4%]

^f πρωτος **rell** | πρωτον [15%]

^g μισει **f³⁵** 048 [74%] | μιση ΚA,B [26%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU (The point of the argument hinges on the hating being fact, so the Indicative is correct.)

^h αυτου **rell** | --- [1%] OC

ⁱ πιως **f³⁵** A,048 (95.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ου ΚB (4.2%) NU

^j και **f³⁵** (Κ)A,048 [98%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | --- B [2%]

^k τηρωμεν **f³⁵** ΚΑ [88%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ποιωμεν B [11%] ΝU | τηρουμεν 048 [1%]

^l ημων **f³⁵** Κ,A,B (56.4%) RP,OC,TR,NU | υμων 048 (43.2%) HF,CP | --- (0.4%) (John is making a general statement, that is properly inclusive—first person.)

^m εστιν **f³⁵** A,048 [88%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | δε 1 Κ [12%] [NU]ECM | 1 δε B

ⁿ αιματος **f³⁵** B (77.2%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | 1 και πνευματος ΚΑ (14.2%) | πνευματος και 1 (4.8%) | πνευματος (3.2%) | two other variants (0.6%)

^o ιησους **f³⁵** ΚΑ,B [97%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | 1 ο [3%] TR

^p και **f³⁵** Κ [70%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 εν (A)B [30%] NU

^q μαρτυρουντες **f³⁵** Κ,A,B (99%) RP,HF,CP,NU | 1 εν τω ουρανω ο πατηρ ο λογος και το αγιον πνευμα και ουτοι οι τρεις εν εισεν και τρεις εισιν οι 1 εν τη γη (1%) OC,TR—the (1%) breaks down like this: (61) [16th], (629) [14th], (918) [16th], 2318 [18th], 2473 [17th], wherein the cursives in () all differ from each other; the two that agree verbatim with TR were probably copied from it. The only one that is clearly early

ῦδωρ καὶ τὸ αἷμα—καὶ οἱ τρεῖς εἰς τὸ ἐν εἰσιν. **9** Εἰ τὴν μαρτυρίαν τῶν ἀνθρώπων λαμβάνομεν, ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Θεοῦ μείζων ἐστίν· ὅτι αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Θεοῦ ἦν^r μεμαρτύρηκεν περὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ. **10** Ο πιστεύων εἰς τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔχει τὴν μαρτυρίαν ἐν ἑαυτῷ.^s ὁ μὴ πιστεύων τῷ Θεῷ^t ψεύστην πεποίηκεν αὐτόν, ὅτι οὐ πεπίστευκεν εἰς τὴν μαρτυρίαν ἦν μεμαρτύρηκεν ὁ Θεὸς περὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ. **11** Καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ μαρτυρία· ὅτι ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἔδωκεν ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῖν,^u καὶ αὕτη ἡ ζωὴ ἐν τῷ Υἱῷ αὐτοῦ ἐστιν. **12** Ο ἔχων τὸν Υἱὸν ἔχει τὴν ζωήν· ὁ μὴ ἔχων τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν ζωὴν οὐκ ἔχει.

13 Ταῦτα ἔγραψα ὑμῖν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἵνα εἰδῆτε ὅτι ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἔχετε,^v καὶ ἵνα πιστεύητε εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ.^w

Our confidence

14 Καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ παρρησία ἦν ἔχομεν πρὸς αὐτόν· ὅτι ἐάν τι αἰτώμεθα κατὰ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ, ἀκούει ἡμῶν. **15** Καὶ ἐάν οἴδαμεν ὅτι ἀκούει ἡμῶν, ὁ ἐὰν^x αἰτώμεθα, οἴδαμεν ὅτι ἔχομεν τὰ αἰτήματα ἡ ήτήκαμεν παρ'^y αὐτοῦ.

Sins not leading to death

16 Ἐάν τις ἴδῃ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ ἀμαρτάνοντα ἀμαρτίαν μὴ πρὸς θάνατον, αἰτήσει, καὶ δώσει αὐτῷ ζωὴν τοῖς ἀμαρτάνουσιν μὴ πρὸς θάνατον. Ἔστιν ἀμαρτία πρὸς θάνατον· οὐ περὶ ἐκείνης λέγω ἵνα ἐρωτήσῃ.^z **17** Πᾶσα ἀδικία ἀμαρτία ἐστίν, καὶ ἐστιν ἀμαρτία οὐ πρὸς θάνατον.

18 Οἴδαμεν ὅτι πᾶς ὁ γεγεννημένος ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐχ ἀμαρτάνει· ἀλλ’ ὁ γεννηθεὶς ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ τηρεῖ ἑαυτόν,^a καὶ ὁ πονηρὸς οὐχ ἄπτεται αὐτοῦ.

19 Οἴδαμεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐσμεν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος ὅλος ἐν τῷ πονηρῷ κεῖται.

enough to have served as TRs exemplar, 629, is far too different—it lacks the seven last words in TR, omits another five, changes five and adds two—19 out of 40 words is too much. (OC is in very small print.)

^r ην f³⁵ [91%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | οτι ΧΑ,Β [9%] NU

^s εαυτω f³⁵ Χ [48%] TR,CP,NU | αυτω Α,Β [52%] RP,HF,OC

^t θεω rēll | υιω Α [11%]

^u ο θεος ημιν f³⁵ Β [24%] CP | ~ 312 ΧΑ [76%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU

^v τοις πιστευουσιν εις το ονομα του νιου (—του νιου 2.5%) του θεου ια ειδητε (ιδητε 7%) οτι ζωην αιωνιον εχετε (εχητε 7%) (εχετε αιωνιον 2.5% TR) f³⁵ (89.9%) RP,HF,OC(TR)CP | ια ειδητε οτι ζωην εχετε αιωνιον (αιωνιον εχετε Χ) οι πιστευοντες (τοις πιστευουσιν ΧΒ 1% NU) εις το ονομα του νιου του θεου ΧΑ,Β (3.8%) (NU) | τοις πιστευουσιν εις το ονομα του νιου του θεου (4.7%) | ια ειδητε οτι ζωην εχετε αιωνιον (1.6%)

^w και ινα πιστευητε (πιστευσητε 10.2%, πιστευετε 2.4%) εις το ονομα του νιου του θεου f³⁵ (90.3%)

RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- ΧΑ,Β (4.4%) NU | part of a larger lacuna (5.2%) (The longer form does seem to be awkward—more than sufficient stimulus for Alexandrian editors to delete.)

^x εαν f³⁵ Χ [86%] RP,HF,CP,NU | αν Α,Β [13%] OC,TR | --- [1%]

^y παρ f³⁵ Α [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | απ ΧΒ [4%] NU | --- [1%]

^z ερωτηση rēll | ερωτησει [13%] | ερωτησητε [1%]

^a εαυτον f³⁵ Χ [92%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM | αυτον Α,Β [8%] NU

Conclusion

5:20 Οἴδαμεν δὲ^b ὅτι ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔκει καὶ δέδωκεν^c ἡμῖν διάνοιαν, ἵνα γινώσκωμεν^d τὸν Ἀληθινόν·^e καὶ ἐσμεν ἐν τῷ Ἀληθινῷ, ἐν τῷ Υἱῷ αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ. Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεός, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἡ^f αἰώνιος. **21** Τεκνία, φυλάξατε ἑαυτοὺς^g ἀπὸ τῶν εἰδώλων. Άμήν.^{h,i}

^b οιδαμεν δε *rell* | ~ και 1 A [15%] | 1 [11%]

^c δεδωκεν *rell* | εδωκεν A [15%]

^d γινωσκωμεν f³⁵ [66%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | γινωσκομεν ΙΑ,B [34%]

^e αληθινον *rell* | 1 θεον A [24%]

^f η ζωη η f³⁵ [60%] HF | 2 ΙΑ,B [26%] RP,OC,CP,NU | 12 [6%] TR | 23 [4%] | --- [4%] (The omission of the second article could be an easy case of homoioteleuton. Why the ‘Alexandrians’ omitted the first article is hard to say, but that doesn’t make them right.)

^g εαυτους f³⁵ A,048 [75%] HF,OC,TR,CP | εαυτα ΙB [25%] RP,NU

^h αμην f³⁵ (82%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- ΙΑ,B (18%) NU

ⁱ The citation of f³⁵ is based on forty-four MSS—18, 35, 141, 149, 201, 204, 328, 386, 394, 432, 604, 664, 757, 824, 928, 986, 1072, 1075, 1100, 1248, 1249, 1503, 1548, 1637, 1725, 1732, 1754, 1761, 1768, 1855, 1858, 1864, 1865, 1876, 1892, 1897, 2221, 2352, 2431, 2466, 2554, 2587, 2626 and 2723—all of which I collated myself. 204, 824, 1100 and 2554 are very pure representatives of f³⁵ in 1 John, with not a single variant, and so for the exemplars of 35, 1503, 1637, 1725, 1732, 1864, 1865, 1897 and 2723. For 204, 824, 1100 and 2554 to have no variants after all the centuries of transmission is surely an eloquent demonstration of the faithfulness and accuracy of that transmission. Since these MSS come from all over the Mediterranean world (Sinai, Jerusalem, Patmos, Constantinople, Bucharest, Aegean, Trikala, Athens, Meteora, Sparta, Ochrida, Mt. Athos [nine different monasteries], Grottaferrata, Vatican, etc.) they are certainly representative of the family, giving us the precise family profile—it is reflected in the Text without exception.

ECM collated 132 continuous text manuscripts (MSS) for 1 John, including some fragments, which number represents about 20% of the extant (known) MSS. By a careful comparison of *TuT* and *ECM I* believe we can arrive at some reasonably close extrapolations. Thus I venture to predict, if complete collations ever become available, that for any non-Byzantine variants listed with 5 to 1% support (in my apparatus) the margin of error should not exceed ±1%; for non-Byzantine variants listed with 10 to 6% support the margin of error will hardly exceed ±2%; where there is some division among the Byzantine witnesses the margin of error will rarely exceed ±10%. However, I guarantee the witness of Family 35. Please see the last footnote for Matthew for further information.