

The First Letter of John

Something which has existed since the beginning,
that we have heard,
and we have seen with our own eyes;
that we have watched,
and touched with our hands:
the Word who is life — this is our subject.
That life was made visible:
we saw it and we are giving our testimony,
telling you of eternal life
which was with the Father
and has been made visible to us.
What we have seen and heard we are telling you
so that you too may be in union with us,
as we are in union
with the Father
and with his Son Jesus Christ.
And we write this in order
that the joy of us all may be complete.

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