**Definitions of terms in 1 John 1:5—2:2**

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**Message** ἀγγελία  
**1** message ... good news … of the gospel 1J 1:5, with content indicated by a ὅτι-clause.  
**2** instruction, directive to love one’s fellow-members in Christ 3:11, with ἵνα following.

**Proclaim** ἀναγγέλλω  
**2** generally, to provide information, disclose, announce, proclaim, teach  
Of didactic speaking: preach ... proclaim ... 1J 1:5.

**God** θεός  
**1** In the Gr-Rom. world the term θεός primarily refers to a transcendent being who exercises extraordinary control in human affairs or is responsible for bestowal of unusual benefits, *deity, god, goddess*.

**Light** φῶς  
**b** in a transcendent sense … light is the element and sphere of the divine … God dwells ἐν τῷ φωτί 1J 1:7b. In fact, God is described as light pure and simple ὁ θεὸς φῶς ἐστιν vs. 5… To be filled with Christian truth means ἐν τῷ φωτὶ περιπατεῖν 1J 1:7a, εἶναι 2:9, μένειν vs. 10.

**Darkness** σκοτία  
darkening of the mind or spirit, darkness, fig. ext. of 1, of ignorance in moral and relig. matters Mt 4:16 v. l. (s. Is 9:1). Esp. in Johannine usage as a category including everything that is at enmity with God, earthly and demonic J 1:5ab; 8:12; 12:35a; perh. also 35b (s. 1), 46; 1J 1:5.

**Fellowship** κοινωνία  
close association involving mutual interests and sharing, association, communion, fellowship, close relationship …. (have) fellowship with someone (cp. Job 34:8) with God 1J 1:3b, 6.

**Walk** περιπατέω  
**2** to conduct one’s life, comport oneself, behave, live as habit of conduct … The sphere in which one lives or ought to live, so as to be characterized by that sphere, is designated by ἐν. … by a comparison 1J 2:6.

**Truth** ἀλήθεια  
**1** the quality of being in accord with what is true, truthfulness, dependability, uprightness in thought and deed… **2** the content of what is true, truth (opp. ψεῦδος). … πνεῦμα is identified with ἀλήθεια

. 1J 5:6; it is mediated through Christ J 1:17, who calls himself truth 14:6 … ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ἀλήθεια.

**Blood** αἷμα  
**b** blood and life as an expiatory sacrifice 1 Cl 55:1.–Esp. of the blood of Jesus … τὸ ἐπὶ σταυρῷ προχυθὲν αἵ. Ἰη. Χρ.) as a means of expiation ἱλαστήριον ... ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ αἵ. Ro 3:25. ἀπολύτρωσις διὰ τοῦ αἵ. αὐτοῦ Eph 1:7 (Col 1:14 v.l.). Of the high-priestly sacrifice of Jesus Hb 9:12, 14; 10:19; cp. 13:12; 1J 1:7; Rv 1:5; 5:9

**Cleanse** καθαρίζω  
**3** to purify through ritual cleansing, make clean, declare clean … b of moral and cultic cleansing … α. cleanse, purify from sin (LXX) τινά or τί … κ. τινὰ ἀπὸ πάσης ἁμαρτίας 1J 1:7; cp. vs. 9.

**Sin** ἁμαρτία  
serious offenses against a deity … the action itself (ἁμάρτησις …), as well as its result (ἁμάρτημα).

**Deceive** πλανάω  
**b** mislead, deceive τινά someone… 1J 2:26; 3:7.

**Confess** ὁμολογέω  
**3** to concede that something is factual or true, grant, admit, confess… with focus on admission of wrongdoing … ἐὰν ὁμολογῶμεν τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν if we confess our sins 1J 1:9.

**Unrighteousness** ἀδικία  
**1** an act that violates standards of right conduct, wrongdoing (opp. δικαιοσύνη… 2 the quality of injustice, unrighteousness, wickedness, injustice… καθαρίζειν ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀ. 1J 1:9.

**Liar** ψεύστης  
liar … ψεύστην ποιεῖν τινα make someone a liar 1J 1:10; 5:10.

**Word** λόγος  
Of the divine revelation through Christ and his messengers… θεὸς ἐφανέρωσεν τὸν λ. αὐτοῦ ἐν κηρύγματι Tit 1:3. δέδωκα αὐτοῖς τὸν λ. σου J 17:14; cp. vss. 6, 17; 1J 1:10; 2:14.

**Advocate** παράκλητος  
‘one who is called to someone’s aid’… in pre-Christian and extra-Christian lit. as well it has for the most part a more general sense: one who appears in another’s behalf, mediator, intercessor, helper… In Philo our word somet. means ‘intercessor’… The same title is implied for Christ by the ἄλλος παράκλητος of J 14:16. It is only the Holy Spirit that is expressly called παρ. = Helper in the Fourth Gosp.: 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7.

**Righteous** δίκαιος  
**1** pert. to being in accordance with high standards of rectitude, upright, just, fair… just, righteous with ref. to God’s judgment of people and nations κριτὴς δ. a righteous judge (Ps 7:12… β . of Jesus who, as the ideal of an upright pers. is called simply ὁ δ. the upright one.

**Propitiation** ἱλασμός  
**1** appeasement necessitated by sin, expiation … εἰς ἱ. ἐμοί for my expiation GJs 1:1; so perh. abstr. for concr. of Jesus as the ἱ. περὶ τ. ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν 1J 2:2; 4:10. But mng. 2 has been popular. 2 instrument for appeasing, sacrifice to atone, sin-offering.

**Whole** ὅλος  
in the NT never in attributive position, mostly predicate. 1 pert. to being complete in extent, whole, entire, complete.

**World** κόσμος  
1 that which serves to beautify through decoration, adornment, adorning… 2 condition of orderliness, orderly arrangement, order… 3 the sum total of everything here and now, the world, the (orderly) universe… 4 the sum total of all beings above the level of the animals, the world… 5 planet earth as a place of inhabitation, the world… 6 humanity in general, the world… Of persons before conversion ἄθεοι ἐν τῷ κ. Eph 2:12. –2 Cor 1:12; 5:19; Js 2:5; 1J 2:2; 4:1, 3. 7 the system of human existence in its many aspects, the world… 8 collective aspect of an entity, totality, sum total.