**Manuscript Textual Variants  
1 John 4:14-21**

**4:14** From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “saw” instead of “we have seen.”

**4:15** From the 5th century, in some manuscripts, the verb “confess” occurs in the future indicative or in the aorist subjunctive rather than in the present subjunctive.

One 4th century manuscript inserts “Christ” after “Jesus.”

**4:16** From the 5th century, a few manuscripts read, “we believe” instead of “we have … come to believe.”

From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “and God in him,” instead of “God abides in him.”

**4:17** One 4th century scribe mistakenly wrote, “love” instead of “day.”

One 9th century manuscript inserts, “towards the man-pleaser” after “day of judgement.”

One 5th century manuscript reads, “shall we be” in place of “are we.”

**4:19** One 7th century manuscript begins the verse with “Therefore.”

After “We love,” from the 4th century, some manuscripts insert “God,” and from the 9th century, many manuscripts insert “him.”

From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “God first loved us” instead of “he first loved us.”

From the 13th century, some manuscripts make “first” a neuter adverb rather than a masculine adjective.

**4:20** From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “how can he love God” instead of “he … cannot love God.” It remains hard to know which reading was the original.

**4:21** One 5th century manuscript reads, “from God” instead of “from him.”