

Greek Textual Variants

1 John 4:7-13

4:7 One 5th century manuscript inserts “God” after “whoever loves.”

One 4th century manuscript omits “Anyone who does not love does not know God.”

4:8 One 9th century manuscript has the verb “know” in the perfect tense instead of the aorist tense. From the 5th century, a few manuscripts have the verb “know” in the present tense.

4:10 From the 4th century, two manuscripts read “In this is the love of God” instead of “In this is love.”

From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “we loved God” or “we were loving God” instead of “we have loved God.”

One 5th century manuscript reads, “that One loved us” instead of “He loved us.”

One 4th century manuscript reads, “has sent” instead of “sent.”

4:12 From the 9th century, some manuscripts change the order of the words, “his love is perfected in us,” which does not change the meaning, and one manuscript reads, “was perfected and is perfected.”

4:13 From the 5th century, some manuscripts read, “he gave us” instead of “he has given us.”