

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

Bauer, Danker, Arndt and Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature*, Third Edition. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press (2001).

ISBN 0226039331.

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 ἐστίν vs. 5... To be filled with Christian truth means ἐν τῷ φωτί 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 αἷ. Ἰη. Χρ.) as a means of expiation ἰλαστήριον ... ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ αἷ. Ro 3:25. ἀπολύτρωσις διὰ τοῦ αἷ. 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.

Definition of terms in 1 John 1:5—2:2

Sin ἁμαρτία

serious offenses against a deity ... the action itself (ἁμαρτησις ...), as well as its result (ἁμαρτημα).

Deceive πλανᾶω

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 ἐφάνερωσεν 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 κριτής 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 ἄθροισμα 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.