

Truth and Love

Study of 2 John

Intro: The church in 1st century had grown exponentially. Along with that growth there arose dangers of people taking advantage of hospitality and false teachers seeking their own glory. John writes this letter to remind these Christians that the family of God must dwell with truth and love.

I. A Family Must Have Purpose, v. 1-4

What holds us together?

Key word is truth (5x)

It identifies: “love in truth”

It indoctrinates “Known”

It indwells “abides”

It increases “truth and love”

It inherits “children”

II. A Family Must Pursue, v. 5-6

Key word is love (glue)

Concern: this is love

Commands: walk

Continue: as before

III. A Family Must Protect, v. 7-11

Key word: deceiver

They exist, v. 7

Antichrist: against him

They endanger, v. 8

Once saved always?

They extend, v. 9

Goes beyond doctrine

They exclude, v. 10-11

The Elder,

To the elect lady and her children, whom I **love in truth**, and not only I, but also all those who have **known** the truth, **2** because of the truth which **abides** in us and will be with us forever: **3** Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in **truth and love**. **4** I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your **children** walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. **This is love**, that we **walk** according to His commandments. This is the commandment, **that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it**.

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a **deceiver and an antichrist**. **8** Look to yourselves, that we **do not lose those things we worked for**, but *that* we may receive a full reward. **9** Whoever transgresses and **does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God**. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. **10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, **do not receive him into your house nor greet him**; **11** for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.