

2 JOHN

Walking in the Truth of the Doctrine of Christ



The Joy of Walking in the Truth, v. 1-4

A Snapshot of the Christian Journey

- Truth provides grace, mercy and peace
- One of our greatest joys is seeing others grow to spiritual maturity
- What is truth?

It can be known
John 18:38, 8:32, 17:17

It can be followed
Mentioned at least five times in this book

The Relationship of Love & Obedience v. 5-6

Are Love and Obedience Mutually Exclusive or Inclusive?

- Love is the greatest of the commands, Mark 12:30
- Love is shown through service and obedience, 1 Corinthians 13
- This is shown in our "walk"

Obedience is a lifestyle commitment
1 John 1:7

How do you show your love?
John 14:15

The Danger of False Teachers, v. 7-11

A Problem That Must Be Faced and Not Ignored

- False teachers certainly exist (Anti-Christ: those who oppose Christ's teachings)
- We must look to ourselves, 2 Peter 3:18
- The Doctrine of Christ, Acts 8:35
- Our responsibility to false teachers

Identify
2 John 9

Oppose
Romans 1:32

Separation
1 Corinthians 5:6-7



Everyone who goes on ahead (Greek is PROAGO literally progresses) and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. 2 John 9

The Joy of Fellowship, v. 12-13

The Church is Composed of the Greatest People In the World

- The blessing of togetherness
- The joy of Christianity
- The fellowship of the church

In its likemindedness
Psalm 133:1

In its Support for one another
Ephesians 6:18-20

In its Love
John 13:35

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Greeting

¹ The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ²because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Walking in Truth and Love

⁴ I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. ⁵And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we^[a] have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

Final Greetings

¹² Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you.

Footnotes:

- a. 2 John 1:8 Some manuscripts *you*