

2 John 1

Greeting the Elect Lady

1 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.

Walk in Christ's Commandments

L 4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received
L★ 5 commandment from the Father. 5 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. 6 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.

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

★ 7 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.

John's Farewell Greeting

12 Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

1:6 John defines love, not as a sentiment or an emotion, but as obedience to God's commands. Love = Walking in God's commandments.

1:7 The essence of the severest error in false religions, heresies and cults is a denial of the true nature of Jesus Christ. They habitually deny the undiminished deity and humanity of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ's nature is both fully God and fully man. 100% God and 100% man.

1:9 Not being faithful to the fundamental, sound doctrines of Christianity (the work of Christ, love, obedience) marks a person as having never been born again. The word "abide" means constant adherence and warns that these fundamentals are not to be changed because of the latest trends, philosophies and opinions of a particular society or country. Association with false teachers is forbidden because it spreads their heresy and leaves the impression of sanctioning their false doctrine.