

Leader

2 John 1:1-3 (ESV)

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,

² because 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.

Cong.

2 John 1:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.⁵ And 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. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard ...so that you should walk in it.

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2John 1:7-9 (ESV)

⁷ For 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.

⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹ Everyone 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.

Cong. 1 John 1:10-13 (ESV)

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. 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. ¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.



The Rewards of Walking in Truth & Love
2 John 5:1-13

Theme: Since truth & love are inseparable & produce a holy walk, don't be deceived or encourage deceivers. God rewards faithfulness.



Truth & Love are Inseparable (1-6)

- Truth and love are inseparable.
 - John loves in truth.
 - He writes because of the truth which lasts in us forever.
 - Grace, mercy, & peace will be with us from the Father and the Son in truth and love.

Truth & Love are Inseparable (1-6)

- Walking in Truth & love produces a holy walk.
 - Some are walking in truth as we were commanded.
 - We must walk in love as we were commanded.
 - Love & holiness are also inseparable.

Walking in Truth and Love



Compromisers



Separatists

Need Truth

Need Love

Walking in
truth & love

Watch out! Don't be Deceived (7-11)

- Deceivers are in the world: They deny the incarnation. They are Antichrist.
- Watch yourselves:
 - Don't lose what you have.
 - Receive your full reward
 - You can't have the Father without the Son.
Be progressive in living truth, not in creating truth.

Watch out! Don't be Deceived (7-11)

■ Watch deceivers:

- Don't receive those who teach error or you'll participate in error.
- These instructions apply to teachers of error;
- They are addressed to the Church;
- They apply to the doctrine of Incarnation, not peripherals. See the **Didache**

God Rewards Faithfulness (8,12)

- He rewards with joy and gladness among us now (12).
- He rewards in heaven (8) Jesus is going to win!