

2 John Walk According to His Commandments

The elder to the chosen 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 which remains 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 Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received a commandment to do from the Father. 5 Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which 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 from the beginning, that you are to walk in it.

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not remain in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who remains in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

12 Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak [f]face to face, so that your joy may be made complete.

13 The children of your chosen sister greet you.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's Questions

1.What is the role of an elder in a church?

2.Do we know the name of the elder John is referring to in this letter?

3.Who is the lady John is referring to?

4.Who are her children John is referring to?

5.What is it to be 'chosen' by God for salvation?

6.Are some people 'chosen' for judgement?

7.What is truth?

8. How can we come into the 'truth that sets you free'?
9. Do all Christians enter into the 'fulness' of their salvation?
10. How can truth live in us?
11. How can truth be in us forever?
12. What does it mean to receive grace from God the Son?
13. What does it mean to receive mercy from God the Son?
14. What does it mean to receive peace from God the Son?
15. Godly attributes are the harvested fruits of a life of obedience.
16. Obedience to God's word and His ways.
17. Godly expressions are living your life, His way.
18. We witness to others by acknowledging God is within us.
19. They will see Him by what we do and by what we say.
20. How can you walk in God's truth?
21. To love God is to obey God and to do His will - do you agree?
22. How do we learn God's will and God's ways and walk in them?
23. Deceivers have gone out into the world, but why are their deceivers?
24. They are all those who believe Jesus Christ is not God
25. They don't believe God has been made into human flesh.
26. How can you lose your investment of faith in the gospel?
27. Whoever disregards Jesus's teaching will lose sight of Jesus ways.
28. Why does John say don't take them into your home?
29. What are they likely to do to your home?
30. Why would welcoming them in be unwise?
31. John would rather speak to this lady face to face.
32. Is there a difference speaking face to face or on the phone, text or a letter?
33. Who is the sister who sends this church a greeting?