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### 2 John

<sup>1</sup> The elder,

To the lady chosen by God and to her children,

whom I love in the truth—and not I only,

but also all who know the truth—

<sup>2</sup> because of the truth,

which lives in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ,

the Father's Son,

will be with us in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup> It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth,

just as the Father commanded us.

<sup>5</sup> And now, dear lady,

I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning.

I ask that we love one another.

<sup>6</sup> And this is love:

that we walk in obedience to his commands.

As you have heard from the beginning,

his command is that you walk in love.

<sup>7</sup> I say this because many deceivers,

who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh,



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have gone out into the world.

Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for,

but that you may be rewarded fully.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God;

whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

<sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching,

do not take them into your house or welcome them.

<sup>11</sup> Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

<sup>12</sup> I have much to write to you,

but I do not want to use paper and ink.

Instead,

I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face,

so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>13</sup> The children of your sister,

who is chosen by God,

send their greetings.





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- What has given John great joy?
  
- What do we learn about the truth in v1-2?
  
- What does it mean to “run ahead”? What is at stake?
  
- What are the commands in this text?
  
- What words are repeated throughout these verses? When anyone repeats words or phrases they generally want you to pay attention to these ideas!
  
- Where are the deceivers?
  - What does this mean? Think back to what you learned in 1 John.



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- Where do you think John is writing from? (hint: no town is mentioned, see what you can discover from v12-13).
  
  
  
  
  
- Why does John say he is writing this letter to the church?
  
  
  
  
  
- Why does John want to visit this church?
  
  
  
  
  
- Why does the church have to watch out? What is at stake?
  
  
  
  
  
- How should Christians walk?
  
  
  
  
  
- How does John encourage this church to respond to “anyone” who teaches, but doesn’t teach what Scripture teaches?
  - What ideas do you have for how that applies to our day and age?
  
  
  
  
  
- How does John describe love?





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### 2. LEARN from God's Word

**Whole Bible Connections** - Look up the following verses from other parts of scripture and note how they relate to 2 John. What do they affirm about what John is saying in this letter?

- 2 John 8 warns the reader to watch out so “that you do not lose what we have worked for”. Read how the apostles describe what they worked for:
    - JOHN: John 20:30-31
  
    - PETER: Acts 2:36-40 (read the whole chapter context)
  
    - PAUL: Acts 17:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Colossians 1:28-29
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- What have the apostles worked for?
  
  
  - How could someone lose what the apostles have worked for?



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- 2 John 10 says not to take false teachers “into your house” or “welcome” them. We’ll explain what this means and how it applies in our teaching time, but for now it’s important to know that this is a common theme throughout the New Testament. Read this small sample and note: how false teachers are described and/or how Christians should respond to them.
  - Matt 7:15-20
  - Acts 20:28-31
  - Romans 16:17-18
  - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (read the whole section for context and focus on v 3-4)
  - 1 John 4:1-6
  - Jude 16-19
  - Clearly false teaching is a big deal that we need repeat warnings about! Are you surprised by the consistent warning in Scripture about the prevalence of false teachers in “Christian” communities? We can be encouraged today that we are studying God’s very word, and listening to His truth.
    - How are you convicted or encouraged by this?



