

**“THROUGH THE BIBLE”**

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**2 JOHN (85-95 AD)**

**(FORMER PASTOR OF THE EPHESUS CHURCH)**

**“AM I TRUE?”**

**SELECTED SCRIPTURES**

***“All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16 NKJV)***

***“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.”  
(Psalm 90:14 ESV)***

***“...He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man am’?... Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matt. 16:13, 16)***

***“It is...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God...”  
(Matt. 4:4)***

***AUTHOR: the Apostle John, who also describes himself as “the elder.” He was often referred to as “the Apostle of love.” From experience, he knew what love really was. John also wrote the “Gospel of John” with the purpose of clearly teaching the people how to find eternal life (John 20:31).***

***READERS: “To the elect (‘chosen by God’) lady and her children.” The term is applied to Christians, and is also used as a “literary device by personifying a Christian community (local church) as a woman.” John knew and loved them. He was very pleased to find them “walking in the truth.” There are some commentators who think she was an individual Christian lady and her family.***

***TERMS TO REMEMBER: mutual love, truth, obedience, false teachers “on the loose” (antichrist deceivers), false doctrine (denying the deity and the incarnation of Jesus-2 John 7), grace, mercy, peace, commandments, transgresses, “doctrine of Christ”, evil deeds, “from the beginning” (John 13:34-35). The terms and phrases resemble those of the Gospel of John. Note: the metaphor “walk” means to live and to love one another (our actions).***

***THE WARNING: Anyone, including Christian believers are capable of being deceived (2 John 1:8).***

***JOHN'S PURPOSE:*** To expose deceivers, warn of the dangerous "spirit of error" infiltrating the church, and to challenge the church community to brotherly love and self-examination.

## **OVERVIEW**

***The theme of 2 John is "Walking in the Truth." John needed to do a lot of repetition of "truth."***

***It appears that John loved this local church, and everybody else who had come to know the "Truth". He bonded with them in his love of God's "Truth" teaching the famous words of Christ, "I am the way, the truth, and the life... (John 14:6)." The content of this intimate letter echoes great encouragement. He truly wanted them to learn to let their Christianity show every day in their daily lives. So, he teaches them the practical wisdom of "walking" and living in God's commandments.***

## **OUTLINE**

### **WALKING (LIVE) IN TRUTH AND LOVE (2 JOHN 1-13)**

- I. A Common Acceptance of Truth and Love**
  - A. The Force of Truth and Love Go Together- Fellowship (v. 2-4)**
  - B. REMEMBER: The Commandment of the Father-Love/Obey/Practice the Word of God-John 13:34-35\*\*"that you live in it"-LOVE is True Living...to be True (v. 5-6) \*\*\*John 14:15**
  - C. Acknowledge/Know About Jesus-The Incarnation-Jesus came in the Flesh (v. 7a)**
    - 1. Error: The Spirit of Antichrist is Already Here-False Teaching (v. 7b, 1 John 4:3)**
    - 2. Do Not Get Involved with False Doctrine-You Lose, Satan robs (v. 8)**
  - D. False Teachers Depart from God's Written Word (v. 9a)**
  - E. Remain rooted in the Teachings of Jesus (v. 9b)**
  - F. WARNING: Do not Entertain/Admit/Fellowship with False Teachers in your Home or Christian communities. The hospitality is forbidden. Separate from "error." Respectfulness to all mankind should be characteristic-know true, reject the false (v. 10-11)**
  - G. Anticipation/ Hope/Joy of a Personal visit in the Future to complete his teaching. (v. 12)**
  - H. The Apostle sends greetings from "the elect lady's" sister (v. 13)**

## **CONCLUSION**

***"Jesus said to him (Thomas), I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6 NKJV)***

## **NOTES:**