

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; ² for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us for ever: ³ Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴ I rejoyce greatly that I have found *certain* of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, *even* they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that ye lose not the things which we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. ⁹ Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into *your* house, and

give him no greeting: ¹¹ for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.

¹² Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write them* with paper and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be made full. ¹³ The children of thine elect sister salute thee.

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