

## John's Second Letter

### *Greetings*

<sup>1</sup> From the elder, to the lady chosen by God and her children. I truly love you all, and I am not the only one but all who know the truth love you as well. <sup>2</sup> We love you for the sake of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever.

<sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy, and peace will be ours – the gift of God, the Father, and of Jesus Christ, the Father's Son – in truth and love.

### *Live in truth and love*

<sup>4</sup> It was a great joy to me to find the lives of some of your children guided by the truth, in obedience to the command that we received from the Father.

<sup>5</sup> And now I implore you, dear lady, let us love one another. This is not a new command I am writing to you. It is the command we have had from the beginning. – Let us love one another. <sup>6</sup> And this is love – to live in obedience to the Father's commands. This is the command as you learned from the beginning, to live a life of love. <sup>7</sup> I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world – men who do not acknowledge that Jesus Christ came in flesh and blood. Any such person is a deceiver and antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Take care so that you do not what we have worked for but instead receive your full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who goes beyond and fails to live inside of the teaching of Christ does not have God. The person who lives inside that teaching – they have both the Father

and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive them into your house or even welcome them; <sup>11</sup> because the person who welcomes them is sharing with them in his evil work.

*Final words*

<sup>12</sup> Though I have many other things to tell you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come and see you, and to speak 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 you their greetings.

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