

The Second Epistle of John

He writeth unto a certain lady, 4 Rejoicing that her children walk in the truth. 5 And exhorteth them unto love, 7 Warneth them to beware of such deceivers as deny that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, 8 Praieth them to continue in the doctrine of Christ, 20 And to have nothing to do with them that bring not the true doctrine of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

The Elder to the [^]elect Lady, and her children, whom I love in ^athe truth: and not I only, but also all that have known the truth,

2 For the truth's sake which dwelleth in us, and shalbe with us forever:

3 Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Father, with ^btruth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly, that I found of thy children walking ^cin truth, as we have received a commandment of the Father.

5 And now beseech I thee, Lady, (not as writing a new commandment unto thee, but that same which we had from the beginning) that we ^{*}love one another.

1 [^]Or, worthy and noble.

1 a According to godliness and not with any worldly affection.

3 b We can not receive the grace of God, except we have the true knowledge of him, of the which knowledge love proceeds.

4 c According to God's word.

5 ^{*}John 15.12.

6 And this is the love, that we should walk after his [^]commandments. This commandment is, that as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, which confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. He that is such one, is a deceiver and an Antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we ^dlose not the things, which we have done, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Whosoever ^etransgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that continueth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, ^{*}receive him not to house, neither bid him, ^fGod speed.

11 For he that biddeth him, God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds. Although I had many things to write unto you, yet I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, & speak mouth to mouth, that our joy may be full.

12 The sons of thine [^]elect sister greet thee, Amen.

6 [^]Or, doctrine.

8 d By suffering ourselves to be seduced.

9 e He that passes the limits of pure doctrine.

10 ^{*}Rom. 16.17.

10 f Have nothing to do with him, neither show him any sign of familiarity or acquaintance.

11 Or, worthy.