

## 2 John

### *Greeting*

<sup>1</sup> From the church leader.\*

To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love because we share the truth. I'm not the only one who loves you. Everyone who knows the truth also loves you. <sup>2</sup> We love you because of the truth which lives in us and will be with us forever.

<sup>3</sup> Good will,† mercy, and peace will be with us. They come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, who in truth and love is the Father's Son.

### *Living in the Truth*

<sup>4</sup> I was very happy to find some of your children living in the truth as the Father has commanded us. <sup>5</sup> Dear lady, I'm now requesting that we continue to love each other. It's not as though I'm writing to give you a new commandment. Rather, from the beginning we were commanded to love each other. <sup>6</sup> Love means that we live by doing what he commands. We were commanded to live in love, and you have heard this from the beginning.

### *Reject Teachers Who Don't Teach What Christ Taught*

<sup>7</sup> Many people who deceive others have gone into the world. They refuse to declare that Jesus

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\* **1:1** Or "pastor," or "elder." † **1:3** Or "Grace."

Christ came in flesh and blood. This is the mark of a deceiver and an antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Be careful that you don't destroy what we've worked for, but that you receive your full reward.

<sup>9</sup> Everyone who doesn't continue to teach what Christ taught doesn't have God. The person who continues to teach what Christ taught has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and doesn't bring these teachings, don't take him into your home or even greet him. <sup>11</sup> Whoever greets him shares the evil things he's doing.

### *Farewell*

<sup>12</sup> I have a lot to write to you. I would prefer not to write a letter. Instead, I hope to visit and talk things over with you personally. Then we will be completely filled with joy.

<sup>13</sup> The children of your chosen sister greet you.

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