

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder to the elect Cyria, and to her children, whom I love in truth, and not I only, but also all that know the truth,— ² for the sake of the truth which abideth in us, and will be with us for ever. ³ Grace, mercy, peace shall be with you from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. ⁴ I rejoiced greatly, that I found some of thy children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I beseech thee, Cyria, not as writing to thee a new commandment, but that which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, as ye have heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers went out into the world, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ coming in the flesh; this is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that ye lose not the things which ye wrought, but receive a full reward. ⁹ Whoever goeth beyond, and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the teaching, he hath both the Son and the Father. ¹⁰ If any one cometh to you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and do not bid him good speed. ¹¹ For he that biddeth him good speed taketh part

in his evil deeds. ¹² Having many things to write to you, I would not write with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that our joy may be full. ¹³ The children of thy elect sister salute thee.

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