

## John's Second Letter

<sup>1</sup> I, a ruler in the church, send word to the noble sister who is of God's selection, and to her children, for whom I have true love; and not only I, but all who have knowledge of what is true; <sup>2</sup> Because of this true knowledge which is in us, and will be with us for ever: <sup>3</sup> May grace, mercy, and peace be with us from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in all true love. <sup>4</sup> It gave me great joy to see some of your children walking in the true way, even as we were ordered to do by the Father. <sup>5</sup> And now, my sister, I make a request to you, not sending you a new law, but the law which we had from the first, that we have love for one another. <sup>6</sup> And love is the keeping of his laws. This is the law which was given to you from the first, so that you might keep it. <sup>7</sup> Because a number of false teachers have gone out into the world, who do not give witness that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. Such a one is a false teacher and Antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Keep watch over yourselves, so that you do not make our work of no effect, but may get your full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who goes on and does not keep to the teaching of Christ, has not God: he who keeps to the teaching has the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you not having this teaching, do not take him into your house or give him words of love: <sup>11</sup> For he who gives him words of love has a part in his evil works. <sup>12</sup> Having much to say to you, it is not

my purpose to put it all down with paper and ink:  
but I am hoping to come to you, and to have talk  
with you face to face, so that your joy may be full.  
<sup>13</sup>The children of your noble sister, who is of God's  
selection, send you their love.

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