

## 2 John

### *A Greeting from the Elder* (3 John 1:1–4)

<sup>1</sup> The elder,

To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I alone, but also all who know the truth—<sup>2</sup> because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, will be with us in truth and love.

### *Walking in the Truth* (John 8:30–47)

<sup>4</sup> I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father has commanded us. <sup>5</sup> And now I urge you, dear lady—not as a new commandment to you, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup> And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you have heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love.

### *Beware of Deceivers*

<sup>7</sup> For many deceivers have gone out into the world, refusing to confess the coming of Jesus

Christ in the flesh. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have worked for,\* but that you may be fully rewarded. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead without remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever remains in His teaching has both the Father and the Son.

<sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you but does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your home or even greet him. <sup>11</sup> Whoever greets such a person shares in his evil deeds.

*Conclusion*  
*(3 John 1:13-14)*

<sup>12</sup> I have many things to write to you, but I would prefer not to do so with paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come and speak with you face to face,† so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>13</sup> The children of your elect sister send you greetings.‡

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\* **1:8** 1:8 NE and WH what you have worked for † **1:12** 1:12 Literally mouth to mouth ‡ **1:13** 1:13 BYZ and TR include Amen.

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