

THE SECOND LETTER OF JOHN

Greeting

¹ The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth—and not only I, but also all who know the truth—² because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever: ³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with *us from God the Father and from †the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walking in Truth and Love

⁴ I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. ⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady—not as ‡writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶ Now this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard it from the beginning, that you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have §come into the world, who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that *we do not lose what

* **1:3** us | you ANT PCK SCR † **1:3** the Lord 91.2% | — CT 6.2% ‡ **1:5** writing 72.1% {NA²⁷ SBL TH 9.2%} | though I were writing ST 12.4% § **1:7** come | gone out CT * **1:8** we ... may 74.9% | you ... so that you may CT 17%

†we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. ⁹ Everyone who ‡transgresses and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching §of Christ has both the *Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not greet him; ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his evil works.

Final Greetings

¹² Although I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that †our joy may be full.

¹³ The children of your chosen sister greet you. ‡Amen.

† **1:8** we | you TH ‡ **1:9** transgresses 99% | goes on ahead CT 1% § **1:9** of Christ 89.3% | — CT 4.5% * **1:9** Father and the Son | Son and the Father ECM* † **1:12** our | your ECM* SBL WH ‡ **1:13** Amen. 89% | — CT 8.8%

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