

## 2 John

<sup>1</sup>The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, 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 will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. <sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the 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 commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

<sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, <sup>11</sup>for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. <sup>12</sup>Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. <sup>13</sup>The children of your elect sister greet you.



Reflection / discussion questions

*When are you tempted to sacrifice the truth in the name of love? In what sense might that not be loving?*

## Truth & Love

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- We need truth and love

### God commands truth and love (v1-6)<sup>1</sup>

- God holds together truth and love

### Ignoring truth is not loving (v7-13)<sup>2</sup>

- The truth is being denied
- Denying truth is not loving to you
- Ignoring truth is not loving to others

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 1:8-10, 1 John 4:7-8, Rom 13:9, John 1:14

<sup>2</sup> 1 John 4: 1-6, Eph 4:1-16