

2 John

The elder, To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth--
and not I only, but also all who know the truth--because of the truth, which
lives in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy and peace from God
the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth
5 and love. It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in
the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear lady, I am not
writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask
that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his
commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you
10 walk in love. Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as
coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the
deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what you have
worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead
and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever
15 continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes
to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or
welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work. I have
much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I

hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. The children of your chosen sister send their greetings.*

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