

2 John 1-13 **Walk in the Commandments of Christ – Beware of Deceivers**

Greeting

¹ The Elder,

To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, ² because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walk in Christ's Commandments

⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

⁵ And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Beware Deceivers

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

John's Farewell Greeting

¹² Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

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Facts Revealed:

Greeting [2 John 1:1-3]

✠ John identifies himself as the Elder.

✧ This would suggest that John is the founding Apostle of this home Church.

✠ He writes to one whom he loves very much for her faithful leadership and strength in guiding her family in things of the Lord, calling her an Elect Lady.

- ✧ Her reputation has spread far enough that in his greeting to her, John also includes greetings from all those with him who have known the truth, which they will cherish forever.
- ✧ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
- ✧ All blessings are in Truth and Love from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ (Messiah), John emphasizes that Jesus is the Son of the Father.

Walk in Christ's Commandments [\[2 John 1:4-6\]](#)

- ✧ John acknowledged that he found some of the people under her influence to be living in truth originally received and keeping the commandment of God.
- ✧ The best encouragement a founder of a Church can give is the original commandment to Love one another.
- ✧ Love is the central commandment of the Church.
- ✧ Love is revealed in the lives of those who keep the commandments of Jesus.

Beware Deceivers [\[2 John 1:7-11\]](#)

- ✧ **Deceivers who deny that Jesus Christ is Messiah Yahweh Who came in the flesh**, abound everywhere. John calls them deceivers and antichrist.
- ✧ John's focus in his Gospel, his epistles and Revelation is to demonstrate that **Jesus is God the Word in human flesh.**
- ✧ The term "Jesus Christ" is a term identifying **Jesus as the Messiah of Israel Who is Jehovah the Savior of the world.**
- ✧ **Jehovah** has clearly stated that there is no Savior besides Himself. [\[Isaiah 43:11, 45:21, Hosea 13:4\]](#)
- ✧ John warns the Church to **guard against being deceived** and losing their Salvation (the things we worked for). The goal is to receive a full reward.
- ✧ **Whoever does not remain in the doctrine of Christ does not have God.**
- ✧ **If you do not have the Father and the Son, you have no hope of Salvation.**
- ✧ Peter warned of the same thing, being **led away by the error of the wicked.** [\[2 Peter 3:17\]](#)
- ✧ **Whoever remains in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**
- ✧ If anyone comes to you with another doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him.
- ✧ The Home Church must protect itself from deceivers who attempt to persuade them with false doctrine, knowing if you bless or welcome deceivers into your circle, you endanger your own relationship with the Lord by sharing in his evil deeds.

John's Farewell Greeting

- ✧ As with most of the New Testament writers, they prefer to give their message in person, face to face.
- ✧ John said he has many things to impart to the Church, but wants to come in person, that our (John and those with him) joy may be full.
- ✧ The Sister Home Church from which John is writing send their greetings also. Amen