

# *The Second Epistle Of John*

## *2 John*

*1 This Epistle is written to a woman of great renown, 4 who brought up her children in the fear of God; 6 he exhorteth her to continue in Christian charity, 7 that she accompany not with Antichrists, 10 but to avoid them.*

1 THE ELDER to the (a) (\*) elect (b) Lady, and her children, (1) whom I love in (♣) the truth; and not I only, but also all that have known the truth,

(a) This is no proper name, but is to be taken as the word soundeth, that is to say, to the worthy and noble Lady.

(\*) Or, worthy, or noble.

(b) Excellent and honorable Dame.

(♣) According to godliness and not with any worldly affection.

(1) The bond of Christian conjunction or linking together, is the true and constant profession of the truth.

2 For the truth's sake which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever;

3 Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Father, with (c) (\*) truth and love.

(c) With true knowledge, which hath always love joined with it, and following it.

(\*) We cannot receive the grace of God, except we have the true knowledge of him, of the which knowledge love proceedeth.

4 (2) I rejoiced greatly, that I found of thy children walking (\*) in (d) truth, as we have received a commandment of the Father.

(2) This true profession consisteth both in love one towards another which the Lord hath commanded, and also especially in wholesome and sound doctrine, which also is delivered unto us; for the commandment of God is a sound and sure foundation both of the rule of manner and of doctrine, and these cannot be separated the one from the another,

(\*) According to God's word.

(d) According as the truth directeth them.

5 And now beseech I thee, Lady, (not as writing a new commandment unto thee, but that same which we had from the beginning) that we (\*) love one another.

(\*) John 15:12 .

6 And this is the love, that we should walk after his (\*) commandments. This commandment is, that as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

(\*) Or, doctrine.

7 (3) For many deceivers are entered into the world, which confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. He that is such one, is a deceiver and an Antichrist.

(3) Antichrists fighting against the person and office of Christ, were already crept into the Church, in the time of the Apostles.

8 (4) (e) Look to yourselves, that we (\*) lose not the things which we have done, but that we may receive a full reward.

(4) He that maketh shipwreck of doctrine, loseth all.  
(e) Beware and take good heed.  
(\*) By suffering ourselves to be seduced.

9 Whosoever (\*) transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that continueth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

(\*) He that passeth the limits of pure doctrine.

10 (5) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, (\*) receive him not to house, neither bid him (♣) God speed;

(5) We ought to have nothing to do with them that defend perverse doctrine.  
(\*) Romans 16:17.  
(♣) Have nothing to do with him, neither shew him any sign of familiarity or acquaintance.

11 For he that biddeth him God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds. Although I had many things to write unto you, yet I would not *write* with paper and ink; but I trust to come unto you, and speak mouth to mouth, that our joy may be full.

12 The sons of thine (\*) elect sister greet thee, Amen.

(\*) Or, worthy.