

# 11 JOHN THE LETTER

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# 2 JOHN - The LETTER

## READ AND OBSERVE

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to God the Father, including pronouns and synonyms, with a red triangle.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to God's Son, Jesus Christ, including pronouns and synonyms, with a red cross.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to the elder with a green capital "J".

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to the chosen lady and her children, including pronouns and synonyms, with an orange "L".

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to truth, including pronouns and synonyms, with a red box filled in with yellow.

Read through **2 John** and outline every reference to walk, or walking, with a green box.

Read through **2 John** and mark testify, proclaim, write, or announce, including pronouns and synonyms, with a green trumpet.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to abide with a filled in turquoise circle.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to love with a red heart filled in with pink.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to deceivers with a filled in orange circle.

Read through **2 John** and mark every reference to evil, including pronouns and synonyms, with an orange circle.

Read through **2 John** and mark every time phrase with a blue box.

Read through **2 John** and mark every contrast with a bold pink diagonal slash.

Read through **2 John** and divide the passage into the following segments. Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin.

1. For the sake of the truth
2. Walking in truth
3. Deceivers
4. Will speak face to face
5. Greetings

## READ AND ANSWER

### 2 John 1-3

Who wrote this letter?

To whom did the elder write this letter?

- 1.
- 2.

What relationship did the elder have with the chosen lady and her children?

Who else loves the chosen lady and her children?



**Who do you think the elder was?  
Who do you think the chosen lady was?  
Can you know for sure?**

**Is it necessary to know their identity to understand the book of 2 John?**

Why did the elder write this letter?

What do we learn about the truth?

1.

2.

What will be with believers?

1.

2.

3.

From Whom come grace, mercy, and peace?

1.

2.

How are grace, mercy, and peace given?

1.

2.

## **2 John 4-6**

What had the elder heard about the chosen lady's children?

What did the elder remind the chosen lady was true of walking in the truth?

What commandment was given to believers?

Who gave the commandment?

What was John's reaction to the information that some of the chosen lady's children were walking in the truth?

What did the elder ask the lady?

Did he ask her to do something that was a new commandment to her?

What was true about the commandment the elder exhorted the lady to obey?

How do we love one another?

What is love?

What commandment have believers heard from the beginning?

From the beginning of what?

What are all believers commanded to walk in?

What does it mean to walk in love?

## **2 John 7-11**

Who has gone out into the world?

Just a few deceivers?

Who, or what, is the deceiver and the antichrist?

What is the lie of the deceivers?

What is the truth?

What warning is given to the chosen lady and her children?

What are they to guard against?

What has been accomplished?

What could be lost?

If they lose what had been accomplished, what was ultimately in jeopardy?

What is true of the one who “goes too far”?

What is synonymous with going too far?

What is true of the one who does not abide in the teaching of Christ?

What is synonymous, in this epistle, with the teaching of Christ?

What is true of the one who abides in the teaching?

1.

2.

What teaching?

What if someone comes to the chosen lady and her children and does not bring this teaching? What are they to do?

1.

2.

What teaching is required?

Why are they commanded to not receive him into their homes?

Why are they commanded to not give him a greeting?

Who is the person, or persons, the elder is referring to?

If you give a person a greeting who does not bring the teaching of Christ (this is a person who claims to be a Christian), what are you doing?

What is the person doing who does not bring the teaching of Christ?

What would you be doing if you do not bring the teaching of Christ?

## **2 John 12**

Did the elder have other things he wanted to say to the chosen lady and her children?

Why didn't he write them in this letter?

What did he want to do instead?

1.

2.

Why did he want to come and speak with them face to face?

What was his goal on their behalf?

What was his goal on God's behalf?

## **2 John 13**

Whose greeting did the elder send?

Who, then, was with the elder (wherever it was he was writing from)?

## **READ AND REASON**

Wow! If anyone gives a greeting to the one who does not abide in the teaching of Christ he is participating in his evil deeds! How unconcerned our present day visible church is to this truth!

People actually twist the theme of this book by ignoring the main and the plain and pulling out one phrase for their own use. They will jump on the word love to protect themselves from ever having to take a stand for the truth.

Just love... just tolerate... just participate in their evil deeds!!!

I want to be a child of God who walks in the truth.

I want a full reward.

I need to watch myself so that I do not lose what has been accomplished.

In order to do that, I have to judge others. (Yes, I said the word judge.)

I have to discern whether they are of the truth or are a deceiver and the antichrist.

I am not allowed, as a child of God, to tolerate false teachers or false teachings.

The only way I can know who is false and who is true,  
the only way I can know what is false and what is true,  
is to know the One Who is True through His Word which is True.

In order to know Him I must study and obey His Word—

One book at a time... verse after verse... word by word by word...



What is **2 John** mainly and plainly about?

**Theme of 2 John**

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