

Sincerely John



LADY CHOSEN BY GOD



¹ The elder, To the lady chosen by God
and to her children, whom I love in the
truth—and not I only, but also all who
know the truth— ² because of the truth,
which lives in us and will be with
us forever:

2 JOHN 1:1-13

³ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. ⁴ It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

⁵ 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. ⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

⁷ I say this because 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. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

¹¹ Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work. ¹² 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.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

¹³ The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

2 JOHN 1:1-13

The repetitious themes in all of Apostle John's writings are about Jesus, truth, loving God and loving one another, avoiding apostasy and dealing with sin.



This letter has an important emphasis on how we should live in the truth and avoid false teachings that can affect our spiritual life.



HIS GREETING



To the lady chosen by God
and to her children.

2 JOHN 1:1

Biblical scholars and commentary have come to another conclusion that the reference “The lady chosen by God” refers to a title of importance rather than endearment.



The title refers not to one particular individual with biological children but rather to a local church (The lady chosen by God) with its spiritual members (children).



⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9-10

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 PETER 2:9-10

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

1 PETER 1:18-19

HIS REJOICING



Walking in the truth just as the Father
commanded us.

2 JOHN 1:3

Nothing excites a pastor
more than to see God's people
living in the truth and ensuring
that they are keeping
themselves in the truth.



And this is love: that we walk in
obedience to His commands.

2 JOHN 1:6

To faithfully walk in God's
ways we must consistently
indulge in God's Word.



The world's definition of meditation is "to empty oneself" but in the Bible, meditation means to "fill oneself up".



³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Any obedience to God's commands that does not come from this foundation, is in vain. Our obedience must come from loving God and one another; not from selfish gain or moral obligation.



HIS WARNING



Discernment is so important
because it isn't just
distinguishing what is
obviously good and bad,
it is detecting what is
almost good and is good.



A) WATCH OUT



Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy
the devil prowls around like a roaring
lion looking for someone to devour.

1 PETER 1:8

Pray at all times.



Watch and pray so that you will not fall
into temptation. The spirit is willing,
but the flesh is weak.”

MATTHEW 26:41

**B) CONTINUE
IN THIS
TEACHING**



⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

JOHN 15:9-10

Be like the Berean Jews.



Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

ACTS 17:11

**C) DO NOT
FELLOWSHIP
WITH FALSE
TEACHERS**



¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

MATTHEW 7:15-20

¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

Does this teaching bring
me back to a biblical view
of Jesus Christ?



Love one another.

2 JOHN 1:5

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.”

2 JOHN 1:12

The command to “love one another” is a powerful weapon and shield that can fight against and protect us from false teachings that affect our lives as believers.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) HIS GREETING
- 2) HIS REJOICING
- 3) HIS WARNING

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