**2 John 1, ESV, https://www.esv.org/2+John/**

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**Greeting**

1 The elder to the elect lady

and

her children,

whom I love in truth,

and

not only I,

but also all

who know the truth,

2 because of the truth

that abides in us

and

will be with us forever:

3 Grace,

mercy,

and

peace will be with us,

from God the Father

and

from Jesus Christ

the Father's Son,

in truth and love.

**Walking in Truth and Love**

4 I rejoiced greatly

to find some of your children

walking in the truth,

just as we were commanded by the Father.

5 And now

I ask you, dear lady –

not as though I were writing you a new commandment,

but

the one

we have had from the beginning –

that we love one another.

6 And

this is love,

that we walk according to his commandments;

this is the commandment,

just as you have heard from the beginning,

so that you should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world,

those who do not confess

the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

Such a one is the deceiver

and

the antichrist.

8 Watch yourselves,

so that you may not lose

what we have worked for,

but

may win a full reward.

9 Everyone

who goes on ahead (linking to v. 7 “have gone out”)

and

does not abide in the teaching of Christ,

does not have God.

Whoever

abides in the teaching

has both

the Father

and

the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you

and

does not bring this teaching,

do not receive him into your house

or

give him any greeting,

11 for whoever

greets him

takes part in his wicked works.

**Final Greetings**

12 Though I have much

to write to you,

I would rather not use paper

and

ink.

Instead I hope

to come to you

and

talk face to face,

so that our joy may be complete.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you.