**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.