CONFIDENT
29 DAYS OF GROWING IN GOD-CONFIDENCE

Walking In Truth
The Second Letter of John

2 John 1:1-13 (NIV) *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: [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. [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. [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. [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. [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. [13] The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.*

The Cast

The Elder: elderly or an official position in the church
John, as the last remaining Apostle – both were true

The Lady: Kuria in Greek, similar to Martha in Aramaic
Could mean a particular woman – or refer to the church as the bride of Christ or could have been both – a woman who had a church meeting in her house

Chosen – Greek *elecktos*, elect – favorite – set apart
All believers in Jesus Christ are chosen.

Her children – spiritual or physical, possibly both - members of the church

All Who Know the Truth – fellow Christians world-wide

The Children of Your Chosen Sister- the church congregation from where John is writing

Key Thought:
Love in the truth; because of the truth which is in us and will be with us forever.

Benefits Of Living In The Truth:
GRACE, **MERCY** and **PEACE** from God the Father

What Is Truth?

JESUS is the Truth.
John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the Truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

The **HOLY SPIRIT** is the Truth.
John 15:26 *"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father - he will testify about me.*

The **WORD OF GOD** is the Truth, specifically the **GOSPEL** of Jesus Christ.
Daniel 10:21 *but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.*

Three Commandments

1. Walk in the **TRUTH**
2. Walk in **LOVE**
3. Walk in **OBEDIENCE**

Warnings About False Teachers:

False teachers deny the **INCARNATION** of Jesus Christ.

False teachers deny the **SALVATION** of Jesus Christ and His **FUTURE** coming.

False Teachers claim *special* **KNOWLEDGE** not from God. (vs. 9, *runs ahead*)

Any who deny the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the **DECEIVER** and the **ANTICHRIST.**

If we welcome and support false teachers, we fellowship in their **WICKED** work.

Share The Truth Of The Gospel Face To Face In Faith That Your Joy May Be Complete. . .

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