

Know the Truth Sunday, November 10, 2024 2 John 1-3

Pilate famously asked Jesus during his trial, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). In John 14:6, Jesus told His disciples He was "the way, the truth, and the life". One of the central themes in all of John's writings is truth. Today we begin a study of 2 John, one of the shortest letters in the New Testament. We will examine how and why John emphasizes truth and love. Verse 7 gives us the primary clue as to what motived this brief but concentrated note, "Many deceivers have gone out into the world." There was, and has always been, an attack on "the truth." The word "truth" is found five times in this short letter of 13 verses. It is the keyword. The word "love" occurs five times. Truth and love are inseparable. Warren Wiersbe once said, "Truth without love is brutality, but love without truth is hypocrisy."

As John greeted the church, he emphasized the importance of knowing the Truth!

• Know the Truth (verse 1)

• Know the source of Truth (verse 2)

• Know the companion of Truth (verse 3)