



Title | Love and Truth
Series | Notes of Encouragement
Text | 2 John 1:1-13
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Sermon Notes

2 John 1:1 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. **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 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. **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. *ESV*

Big Idea:

2 John 1:6

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments . . .

ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

In 2 John 1:1-2, John speaks of love in truth. What makes balancing love and truth so difficult? Would you say you are more predisposed to love or truth?

Tuesday:

Read 2 John 1:1-13. According to John's letter, what is the relationship between real love and truth? Can you be truly loving outside of the truth? Why or why not?

Wednesday:

How does our culture influence the balance of love and truth? In 2 John 1:7, John says there are many deceivers in the world. In this context, what is the basic nature of their deception, and how does it relate to loving in truth?

Thursday:

According to 2 John 1:8-9, what are the consequences of not loving in truth?

Friday:

To what extent would you agree with the idea that real love does not rejoice in what is untrue? How specifically can you love others without enabling, encouraging, or celebrating what is untrue? In John 8:3-11, how did Jesus love in truth?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you love me in truth such that my interests are truly served. Help me to love others as Jesus did, in a humble, gracious, gentle way, without rejoicing in what is untrue. Amen.