

The Second Epistle of John

The Apostle John is unmistakably the author of this book (see introduction to 1 John). It was probably written about the same time as the Book of 1 John (AD 85-90) and may have been addressed to some of the same people. The “elect lady and her children” (2 John 1:1) may be a reference to an actual lady and her children, but many scholars contend that this is a cryptic way of addressing a church to safeguard against the letter falling into the hands of those who were hostile to the Church.

The purpose of the book was to warn against false teachers who commonly traveled from church to church spreading heresy. John instructed that these people should not even receive ordinary hospitality from those in the church (2 John 1:10 – 11). Another objective of the Book of 2 John was to inform the recipients of his plans to visit the soon. This is also given as the reason for the brevity of the Letter (2 John 1:12). (Key Word Bible, page 1553)

CHAPTER 1

¹The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

It is possible the leader of this church was a lady and her children.

²For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, as mentioned in the next verse.

³Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord JESUS Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Love one Another

⁴I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

If the leader is a lady, then her children follow the truth she teaches.

⁵And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

If we love God we will obey his commandments.

⁶And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Exhortation to Stedfastness

⁷For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that JESUS Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

*Mark 13: 5 And Jesus answering the began to say, **Take heed lest any man deceive you:***

⁸Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

⁹Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:

We need to know the Word's of Christ so we are not deceived ad can discern against truth and lies.

¹¹For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

You should not even say "God speed" to them lest you show agreement with their teachings.

¹²Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

It's better to have face to face discussions and teachings to fully understand what is being presented.

¹³The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

Again, this may be a lady who leads they group.

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