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“We Want Faith, Hope and Love”

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II John 1:7

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

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INTRODUCTION:

The Reading of the Text

vv. 1-13

1 THE ELDER, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth 2 because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love 4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father 5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds 12 Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with

paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. 13
The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

B A C K G R O U N D

THE EARLY CHURCH was plagued with those of whom the scriptures warned about – some were the Judaizers, those who taught that believing in Jesus Christ was the first step to salvation and keeping Mosaic law was the second. Then there was the False Apostles who attacked Paul because of his ministry of the grace of God toward sinners. Thirdly there was the Gnostics. These were determined to reinterpret the scriptures and often spiritualize what was literal. They frequently detracted from the deity of Jesus Christ and undermined the revelation of God.

THESE FALSE BREATHERN had two things in common, #1 – was that they constantly asked this question which was... Who was Jesus Christ? They taught that He was anything but what John and the Apostle of God taught. And #2 – They professed to be true Christians! II John is the Apostles response to this aberrant teaching of the day.

Matthew 24:1-5

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:11

“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

We Want Faith, Hope and Love

1.) Faith must be practical in the church

vv.1-6

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Faith must be practical in the church

a.) Faith comes in knowing *the truth*

vv.1-2

THE ELDER, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love **in truth**, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth 2 because of **the truth** which abides in us and will be with us forever

THE ELDER

The greek word presboteros is used here which can mean #1 – Old man in age, #2 - a senior person to respect or #3 – an official of the church

John was all Three in One

Four Times in 2-John He Uses The Word Truth

truth grk 225 aletheia (al-ay'-thi-a);
that which is and is absolute. The authenticity.

Truth and Love
are inseparable, Siamese twins as it were

Truth Today
is being sacrificed on the alter of tolerance and unity like never
before

John 18:38
Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

John 8:32
"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

It's not enough to know the truth.
Truth by nature demands adherence.

**If truth is that which is true, then what is true must be obeyed or
disobeyed,
regardless, it remains truth.**

1 Timothy 3:15
...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which
is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Jude 1:3
...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith (truth)
which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Faith must be practical in the church

b.) Faith comes in knowing *the life*

v. 3

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

These Things Will Be With You Grace, Mercy, and Peace

Grace 5485 **charis** (khar'-ece);

the divine favor or influence upon the heart, acceptability, benefit,

Mercy 1656 **eleos** (el'-eh-os);

divine compassion, tender dealings with one of lesser place

Peace 1515 **eirene** (i-ray'-nay);

to become one with, to be in a quietness, a rest, to be in agreement

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men.

Faith must be practical in the church

c.) Faith comes in knowing *the way*

vv. 4-6

I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children
walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father

This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as
you have heard from the beginning,
you should **walk** in it = (truth, love, the way)

We Want Faith, Hope and Love

2.) Hope must be provided in the church

vv. 7-10

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming
in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those
things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward 9 Whoever transgresses and does
not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ
has both the Father and the Son 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do
not receive him into your house nor greet him 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds

Hope must be provided in the church

a.) Hope results in confidence

v. 7

For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in
the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist

For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world

((Meaning, they once attended your church))

2 Peter 2:1-2

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among
you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them,
and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways,
because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

THEY WERE AMONG US, BUT NOT OF US

Hebrews 6:4-9

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

Hope must be provided in the church

b.) Hope results in anticipation

v. 8

Look to yourselves, **that we do not lose those things we worked for**, but that we may receive a full reward

Look to yourselves
or be warned, be on guard

Acts 20:29-31

"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Hope must be provided in the church

c.) Hope results in discernment

vv. 9-11

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds

transgresses grk 4254 proago (pro-ag'-o);

to add or make additions. To run ahead of, to go out of bounds, to break a rope or restraint.

False Prophets

Add scriptures and doctrines to what has already been given

Revelation 22:18

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Deuteronomy 4:2

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32

"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

I Got in an Argument with a National Park Ranger at the Jefferson Memorial
over this issue of addition...

Proverbs 30:6

Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Warren Wiersbe

Warns of those in our day that are of the
"Progressive" Movement

"They have special revelations and new ideas and insights into church growth, staff development, and success seminars for ministry in 21st century.

Like The Holy Spirit

Has suddenly become The Moldy Spirit, or The Boring Spirit

Implying

That the Holy Spirit has Lost His Edge

The Efforts of Man are Everywhere

Zechariah 4:1-6

Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes

to the seven lamps. 3 "Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." 4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." 6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

Mark 10:27

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Possible vs. Probable

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, **to another discerning of spirits...**

IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD

Verse 10-11

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds

#1

any encouragement their way is dangerous

#2

to assist them in anyway is to contribute to the attack of Christ

do not receive him into your house nor greet him

do not receive him into your house
(also because of demonic influences)

nor greet him
(do not give them a benediction)

The Children's Version

II John 1:10

If anyone comes to your house to teach you, and he doesn't believe what Christ taught His church, don't even invite him into your home. Don't even encourage him in any way.

(TLB)

The Nearly Inspired Version

II John 1:10

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him.

(NIV)

II John 1:10-11

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him **God speed:** (Goodbye) 11 For he that biddeth him **God speed:** (Goodbye) is partaker of his evil deeds.

(KJV)

Don't Even Give Them a Drink of Water or Air for Their Bicycle Tires.

(assisting their vocal cords or to help them in peddling their doctrine)

- *Dodd in his commentary*

"to grant the enemies of Christ, Christian hospitality, is to offend Christ.

To offer what is reserved for fellow Christians and or strangers passing by must never be extended to those who promote false teachings."

2 Corinthians 11:25-26

Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, **in perils among false brethren;**

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

(at this vary hour, this verse is growing in scope)

We Want Faith, Hope and Love

3.) *Love must be personified in the church*

vv.12-13

12 Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. 13 The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

In Communication / At Fellowship / To Bless

Love is a verb, and it demands action.
It cannot be verbally expressed without it taking tangible forms.

What Good is Hidden Love?

Proverbs 27:5

An open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed.

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... (but note what actively follows love and proves it) joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Tangibles)

Love must be personified in the church

a.) *Love desires to communicate*

v.12

Having **many things** to write to you,

John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 21:25

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

God's Desire to Communicate with You

Love must be personified in the church

b.) *Love desires to fellowship*

v.12

I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face,

God's Desire to Fellowship with You

face to face grk. stoma to stoma
lit. mouth to mouth

When God talked to Abraham...

Love must be personified in the church

c.) Love desires to *ble*ss

v.13

that our joy may be full.
13 The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

God's Desire to Bless You

God and His Friend Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him

Genesis 15:5

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 22:15-17

Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-- 17 "blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore..."

Verse 13

**The children of your elect sister greet you.
Amen!**

I love the fact that no one knows if John is writing to a lady or a church. Was a personal or corporate? – we will not know, we're not supposed to know – it's better for us not to know.

always remember this grave warning

“My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, Instructors in the word, knowing that those who do teach the Bible shall receive a stricter judgment in the end when they stand before God.”

- James 3:1