

## John's Second Letter

<sup>1</sup> The Elder, To the chosen lady and her children, whom I sincerely love\* in truth - and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth - <sup>2</sup> because of the truth which lives in us and will be with us forever: <sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and sincere love.

<sup>4</sup> I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have been commanded to do by the Father. <sup>5</sup> Now I ask you, dear lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we sincerely love one another. <sup>6</sup> This is sincere love: that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup> For many deceivers have gone out into the world - those who don't acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. Such a one is a deceiver and an antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may get a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who doesn't live in the teaching of Christ, but runs away from it, doesn't have God. One who lives in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and doesn't bring

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\* **1:1** "sincere love" is used to translate "agape" (the strongest kind of love) throughout this letter.

this teaching, don't welcome or receive that person into your house, <sup>11</sup> for the one who welcomes such a person participates in that person's evil deeds.

<sup>12</sup> Since I have so many things to write to you, I don't want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be made full. <sup>13</sup> The children of your chosen sister greet you. Amen.†

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† **1:13** Amen means "so be it."

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