

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ THE ELDER to the elect Lady, and her children, whom I loue in the trueth: and not I onely, but also all that haue knowen the trueth,
² For the trueths sake which dwelleth in vs, and shalbe with vs for euer: ³ Grace be with you, mercie and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ the Sonne of the Father, with trueth and loue. ⁴ I reioyced greatly, that I founde of thy children walking in trueth, as we haue receiued a commandement of the Father.
⁵ And nowe beseeche I thee, Lady, (not as writing a newe commandement vnto thee, but that same which we had from the beginning) that we loue one another. ⁶ And this is that loue, that we should walke after his commandements. This commandement is, that as ye haue heard from the beginning, ye should walke in it. ⁷ For many deceiuers are entred into this worlde, which confesse not that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh. He that is such one, is a deceiuer and an Antichrist. ⁸ Looke to your selues, that we lose not the things which we haue done, but that we may receiue full reward. ⁹ Whosoeuer transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that continueth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Sonne. ¹⁰ If there come any vnto you, and bring not this doctrine, receiue him not to

house, neither bid him, God speede: ¹¹ For he that biddeth him, God speede, is partaker of his euill deedes. Although I had many things to write vnto you, yet I woulde not write with paper and ynke: but I trust to come vnto you, and speake mouth to mouth, that our ioy may be full. ¹² The sonnes of thine elect sister greeete thee, Amen.

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