

2 John 1: ~~1-3~~ 3-7
"Walking in Truth"

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1. Introduction

- a. Truth, mercy, & love mark of true Christian
- b. John wrote to encourage & warn
 - written in elect lady
 - most likely written to church Ephesus

2. Centrality of Truth

- a. Theme is truth
 - vs. 3 Grace, mercy, & peace in truth & love
- b. Source of truth
 - Jn 17:17 God's Word is truth
 - Jn 14:6 Person of truth
 - vs. 4 children walking in truth
 - * truth matters
 - * Eph 6:14 loins belted with truth
 - * truth is realistic living
 - Bible is standard of truth
 - Jn 18:38 Pilate, "What is truth?"
 - * Pilate asks author of truth

c. The Helper

- Jn 14:17 Spirit of truth

3. Celebration of truth

- a. Children walking in truth
 - followers clearly seen demonstrating truthful lives
 - integrity
 - "doing the right thing"
- b. Teach your children diligently
 - Deut 6:4-7 love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, & strength
 - 3 Jn 1:4 joy to hear children walking in truth

4. Companion of truth

- a. Command from the beginning
 - not a new command
 - "Love one another"
- b. Speaking truth in love
 - Eph 4:15
 - not using truth to hurt or destroy

4c. Love matters

- Eph 4:13-14 fullness of Christ
 - * unity of the faith
 - * knowledge of the Son of God
- able to stand against wiles (tricks, deceptions) of the Devil
 - * Eph 6:11
 - * able to stand not thrown around by winds of doctrines x doctrines of demons (1 Tim 4:1)

5. Challenger of truth

a. Many deceivers

- many antichrists

b. False teaching

- Jesus did not come in the flesh
 - * not Immanuel "God with us"
 - * not conceived by Holy Spirit (without human father)

- Jesus did not resurrect with human body

- * false teaching: Jesus resurrect with spirit body

- * false teaching: Jesus body stolen away & did not resurrect

- * false teaching: Jesus did not die; he merely fainted away

c. Spirit of antiChrist

- 1 Jn 4:3 deny Jesus coming in the flesh

- calling Jesus cursed (1 Cor 12:3)

- * swearing in name of Jesus using it as swear word(s)

d. Doctrines of demons is counterfeit Christianity

- seducing spirits (1 Tim 4:1)