

2 John 1:7-13
"Apostolic Warning"

Sun ~~Morning~~ NIGHT
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1. Introduction

- a. Letter written by very old apostle John
- b. Two major character traits
 - walking in truth (vs. 4)
 - walking in love (vs 6-7)
- c. John's letter warns of deceivers
 - many deny Jesus as coming in the flesh
 - 2 Pet 2:1-2 false prophets/teachers
 - Acts 20:28-30 savage wolves speaking perverse things to make a following for themselves
- d. Philosophy of gnosticism
 - taught human carnal world evil
 - (out growth from Plato's philosophy)
 - only spirit (ideal) world good

2. Warning of Lost Reward (vs. 7-8)

- a. Take heed (warning) to yourselves
 - want to receive full reward
 - do not lose those things already worked for in spiritual life
- b. Guard Christian labor
 - Jude 1:3 fervently contend for the faith
 - Christianity has ~~at~~ always been under doctrinal attack
- c. Receive full reward
 - 2 Tim 4:7 kept the faith, finished course of faith
 - 1 Cor 3:11, 13-15 Christian's judgment in heaven

3. Way of False Professions (vs 9-11)

- a. Departure from correct doctrine
 - transgression (sin) not staying in Christ's doctrine
 - Jn 14:6 "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life..."
 - any teaching opposing "Who is Christ?" "Who do you say Christ is?"
- b. Denials of doctrine
 - deity of Christ
 - any miracles
 - body resurrection from the dead
 - virgin conception of Jesus as fetus

3 c. Disregarded by true believers

- Prevent presence of people denying historic Christian faith
 - * "do not receive him"
 - * Mormon teaching (LDS)
 - * Filipino "Iglesia de Cristo"
- 2 Cor 11:4 another Jesus, different spirit, different gospel
- 2 Cor 11:13-15 false apostles, false workers of deceit
 - * apostasy deliberately choose to leave the faith

d. Do not greet false teachers & false prophets

- do not receive them into your home
- giving blessing shares in their evil works
- "Let God be true & every man a liar" (Rom 3:4) - also see Jer 10:10

e. Rom 16:17-18

- notice who cause divisions & offenses
- they do not serve Lord Jesus Christ
- they use smooth flattering speech
- deceive hearts of simple people
- they serve their own bellies (interests)

4. Witness of Apostle John (v. 12)

a. His heart for the church

- John desires to speak face to face with them
- personal interaction important
- John had many things to say, but did want to do it with paper & ink

b. Personal contact important to building up people

c. John wanted to have full joy with them

d. John brought Christian fellowship

e. Greeting from "sister" church

- churches keeping in touch
- churches working together
- no church stands alone