

# 2 John

## Chapter One

The writer of 2 John is John the apostle. It is said to have been written around 85 - 95 A.D. In the early years as the church was increasing and the gospel was spreading evangelist would travel town to town to preach and teach. 2 John was written to urge discernment in listening and aiding traveling evangelists so as to not become a part of heretical teaching if those teaching were not true Christians. Because there was no bible at this time doctrine had to be carefully guarded as spread of Christianity was by word of mouth.

**FAITH COMES BY HEARING:** Read Chapter One

### **SUMMARY: Verses 1-13**

1. John calls himself an elder. It is believed that he was an elder in the Ephesian church body. An elder was one that was an overseer. He was called by God to teach and preach, direct the affairs of the church, shepherd to flock, and guard the church from teachings of error.
2. Truth is not just a belief system. Truth lives in us. Truth is Jesus.
3. God's grace and mercy can only be realized through Jesus the Son.
4. Walking in Truth produces a life of joy.
5. To walk in Truth is to walk in LOVE and OBEDIENCE.
6. Deception is to teach that Jesus Christ DID NOT come in the flesh. This teaching was spreading rapidly to discount Jesus being God and deny the redemptive work of the resurrection.
7. John labels those who believe Jesus did not come in the flesh as DECEIVERS and THE ANTICHRIST.
8. Earthly work brings about eternal reward.
9. You cannot serve God about from the teaching of Christ. Again it's not about religious beliefs but a relationship with Jesus.
10. So dangerous was this teaching that John forbids anyone to welcome those teachers into their home. Wrong teaching can effect not only your faith but your home.
11. Complete joy includes fellowship with each other face to face.

### **REFLECTION**

1. Any teaching that leads you away from Jesus Christ is error.
2. A sign of true faith is to obey Christ, love another, and ignore false teaching.
3. The bible is the manner in which we can help combat false teachings.
4. The antichrist spirit is at work today and attempts to deny Jesus' resurrection and deity.
5. Bad teaching can influence you and your whole household.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Do you go to the Word of God to check your beliefs?
2. What are some areas in your life that you feel are producing eternal rewards?
3. Are there things going on in your personal home that could reflect bad teaching or a practice that is against Scriptural teaching?

