

The Second Epistle of John

¹The Elder,

To elect Lady and her children, whom I am devoted to in truth, and not I only, but also all those having known the truth, ²through the truth which is remaining in us and will itself be with us into the age.

³Grace, mercy, peace will be with us from God the Father and from Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and devotion.

⁴I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, just as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵And now I am asking you, Lady, not as writing a new commandment to you, but one which we were having from the beginning, so that we should be devoted to one another. ⁶And this is the devotion: that we should walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you heard from the beginning, so that in it you should walk.

⁷Because many deceivers entered into the world, those not confessing Jesus Christ coming in flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Be looking to yourselves so that we may not lose the things for which we ourselves worked, but that we may receive full wages.

⁹All those transgressing, and not remaining in the teaching of the Christ do not hold God; the one remaining in the teaching of the Christ – this one holds both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone is coming to you and does not bring this teaching, don't receive him into the house, and don't be saying to him, "Rejoice." ¹¹For the one saying to him, "Rejoice" is partaking in his evil works.

¹²Having many things to write to you, I was not wanting to write through paper and ink, but I am hoping to come to you and to speak mouth to mouth, so that our joy will be made full.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.