

# Second John

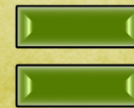
2 Jn. 1:1-4



Sonship



Fellowship



Fruitfulness

2 Jn. 1:1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

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

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.



1 Pet. 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

Rom. 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

1 Cor. 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.  
20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.

Phil. 4:21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.



The following is a good expository outline of the book:

- I. The truth generates an exclusive Christian community (vv. 1-3).
- II. The truth demands a distinctive Christian ethic (vv. 4-6).
- III. The truth involves propositional Christian doctrine (v. 7).
- IV. The truth requires unceasing Christian vigilance (vv. 8-11).



John emphasized the importance of revealed truth in five ways:

(1) He based his own love on it (v. 1a).

(2) He based the love of all Christians on it (v. 1b).

(3) He based his writing of this epistle on it (v. 2).

(4) He based the three great Christian graces on it (v. 3). And

(5) He commended his readers for basing their lives on it (v. 4).



# ALL TRUTH IS GOD'S TRUTH

1 Jn. 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

## I. A WORD OF COMMENDATION, 1:1-4

A. The lady as a person, 1:1a “The elder unto the elect lady and her children...”



Original Word: ἐκλεκτός

Transliteration: eklektos

Definition: chosen out, elect, choice, select, sometimes as subst: of those chosen out by God for the rendering of special service to Him (of the Hebrew race, particular Hebrews, the Messiah, and the Christians).

*eklektós* (an adjective, derived from *eklégomai*, "to select, choose," also used as a substantive/noun) – properly, selected (chosen from, out of), especially as a deeply personal choice – literally "*chosen, out of* a personal preference (intention)." (*eklegomai*).

Typically, *eklektós* ("select, chosen") describes people who choose to follow the Lord, i.e. become *God's choice* by freely receiving *faith* (*pístis*) from Him. Accordingly, these two terms are directly connected (see Titus 1:1; Lk 18:7, 8).

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## B. The lady as a partner, 1:1b-3


1. In the truth of the gospel, 1:1b "...whom I love in the truth, and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;"
2. In the triumph of the gospel, 1:2-3

2 Jn. 1:2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

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

## C. The lady as a parent, 1:4

2 Jn. 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.





- John “rejoiced greatly” that those he loved were obedient to God’s will, living out their faith for God’s glory.

Original Word: χαίρω

Transliteration: chairó

Definition: I rejoice, am glad; also a salutation: Hail.

Properly, to delight in God's *grace* ("rejoice") – literally, to experience *God's grace (favor)*, be conscious (glad) for His *grace*.

The etymological link between *xaírō* ("rejoice"), *xará* ("joy") and *xáris* ("grace") – i.e. that they are all cognates.

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Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do** of his good pleasure.

Original Word: περιπατέω

Transliteration: peripateó

Definition: I walk, hence Hebraistically (in an ethical sense): I conduct my life, live.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4043.htm>

2 Cor. 5:7 (For **we walk by faith**, not by sight:)





## Conclusion

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13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; **that I may rejoice in the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.