

2nd John

abide & walk in the truth

DATE & AUTHOR

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THEME

John gives encouragement and warning to a home church in the Ephesus area to stay true to following the teachings of Jesus, "the Truth".

KEY VERSE

2nd John vs 9

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Introduction and greeting vs 1-3

The Truth...

- produces communal love
1 John 3:18, 3 John 1

- can be known
John 8:32, 1 John 2:21

- abides in us and we abide
in it
1 John 2:27

- will be with us forever
John 14:15-16

Walk in truth and love vs 4-6

The Truth...

- does not change vs5

Walking - common
metaphor use in the new
testament for living
Eph. 5:15

Love is fully and truly
expressed when we are
living in obedience and
submission to Jesus and his
teachings."

We are obligated as
followers of Jesus to live in
His truth
"must walk in it" vs 6b

Stand against false teachers vs 7-11

False teaching - anything
that denies or changes a
teaching of Jesus

We must abide in the truth
of Jesus teaching so we can
identify what is false

False teaching should not be
welcomed in the church

Welcoming false teaching is
the same as agreeing with it

Close and farewell vs 12-13

John wishes to see the
people of this home church
in person soon.

Historical Notes

"The Elect Lady", either a specific person or a general term used for a home church in Ephesus.

There is a growing faction of false teachers denying that Jesus was both, fully human and fully divine. John is warning this church to avoid such people and their teachings.

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