



Many Deceives (II John)

The Truth Lives in Us Forever!

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☑ **The Truth Abides Forever**

☑ The thing about the truth is that it never changes. How different that is from lies which are like building a house on quicksand. I like to say this about truth and lies.

“When you speak the truth you never have to remember what you said, because it is always the same. When you lie, you have to keep track of what you’ve said as it is ever changing!”

☑ **Freedom**

- ☑ Of course, Y’shua called Himself the truth. “I am the truth...” He also said, “Know the truth and the truth will set you free!” Yes, what freedom it is to have security in eternity, regardless of what is happening today. But the truth in Christ is NOT just for eternity. The freedom is available the moment you come into the faith. I like to say it like this; “Freedom is having no other options; when God’s way is the only way you are totally free!”

☑ **The Enemy**

- ☑ One final note about truth that you must have locked into your brain. Satan is everything the opposite of truth. He is a liar and the father of lies.

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☑ **Grace**

- ☑ Grace is the supernatural empowerment of God. We have access to God's grace. In other words, we access to the power of the Creator of the universe. Paul teaches us in Ephesians chapter one that we have the power in us that raised Christ from the grave. What can we do with that power? What should we do with that power?
- ☑ Mercy
 - ☑ Mercy is when you don't reap the consequences of your sinful behavior. It is also when you receive good that you don't deserve. Many people think this side of mercy is what grace is, as they are mistakenly not taught what we just mentioned about grace above!
- ☑ Peace
 - ☑ A peace that surpasses understanding is what you have available as a follower of Christ. That means you can have a calm, confident, restful feeling no matter what is happening. What a wonderful promise to enjoy.

Walking in Truth

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love one another. This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it." II John 1:4-6 NKJV

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☑ Walking in the Truth

☑ We just talked about the truth—now walk in it. Another way to say it is that faith without works is dead! You tell me about your faith and I will show you my faith by how I live.

☑ And notice that the truth is contained in the commandment of the Father. Can you make the connection? Y'shua is the truth. The commandment is the truth. You see it?

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☑ The truth is not new!

- ☑ The commandment you have now is not a new command. It is what always was; it never changes.

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- ☑ **This is love!**
- ☑ God is love and this is love—walk in His commands!

Beware of Many Deceivers

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.” II John 1:7-11 NKJV

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☑ **Deceivers and the Antichrist**

☑ There are many deceivers and the worst of all is the one that says Y’shua was never born. It’s one thing to deny that He was God in the flesh; but worse even is to deny He was ever born!

☑ *“Look to yourselves, **that we do not lose those things we worked for**, but that we may receive a full reward.” II John 1:8 NKJV*

☑ **Don’t surrender what you have...**

☑ Think about what was going on in the first century. Not only did they contend with a man who was born to a woman and claimed to be God in the flesh, but they had to work out how this all fit in with the Torah. It took a lot of wrestling to reconcile those two things and certainly we might say that was the entire reason God chose Paul to expand the Gospel to the Gentiles. Don’t lose how precious and necessary that knowledge is. Don’t settle into bad theology and seeker friendly doctrines in place of all you worked to apprehend.

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☑ **Transgressing the doctrine of Christ**

☑ Can you now recognize how critical good doctrine is?

The connection of the Father and the Son is bound up in good doctrine. Bad doctrine is paramount to starting a new religion. If you do not connect the ministry of Christ and all He taught with the doctrine of His father, you are practicing something other than Christianity. That is a harsh reality that few want to admit to.

☑ Y’shua said—*“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.”* John 7:16-17 NKJV

☑ **Do not be complicit!**

☑ In the end, if you are not against it, you are for it. If you are willing to receive any other doctrine, other than what

Christ brought, the doctrine of His Father, then you are as bad as the one bringing it. Do not accept any message that strays from the truth. Doing so will make you complicit. That is a frightening truth!

Paper and Ink vs. Face to Face

“Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with **paper and ink**; but I hope to come to you and speak **face to face**, that our joy may be full. The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.” II John 1:12-13 NKJV

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☑ **Paper and Ink vs. Face to Face**

☑ When we cannot connect face to face, the written word can fill in the gap. In writing, we risk the loss of meaning and intention that is much easier to gain when we look one another in the eyes. Of course, that is not always possible, especially when we do not live in the same place or time! However, for our purposes today let me

says this. In a world that has become increasingly dependent on social media, do not depend on such to maintain relationships with those who could be right in front of you. Make the time to see those people, touch those people and know them face to face!

NEXT WEEK

Opposing Testimonies (III John)