

5 THINGS ABOUT THE TRUTH — 2 JOHN

A LIVING in the Truth

2 JOHN 1:1-4

1 Truth UNITES us — 2Jn.1:1

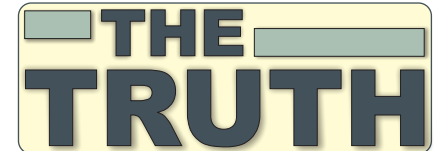
The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth (2Jn.1:1)

- Believers are linked together with a common knowledge of and belief in gospel truth.
- The main lesson in this letter is that truth must always govern the exercise of love.

2 Truth INDWELLS us — 2Jn.1:2

because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: (2Jn.1:2)

- We know how God thinks. We know the truth. The unchanging truth is with us forever (1Co.2:16).



3 Truth BLESSES us — 2Jn.1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (2Jn.1:3)

- Grace for our sin, mercy for our misery, peace for our turmoil, all come through the truth.

4 Truth CONTROLS us — 2Jn.1:4

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

- Truth controls you; it defines you. It is the path you walk. It is the life you live.

B LOVING in the Truth

2 JOHN 1:5-6

⁵And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. ⁶This 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. (2Jn.1:5-6)

C LOYAL to the Truth

2 JOHN 1:7-8

⁷For 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. ⁸Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. (2Jn.1:7-8)

- Test of Loyalty. Loving the truth demands being loyal to the truth.

D LOOKING for the Truth

2 JOHN 1:9-11

⁹Whoever 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. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. (2Jn.1:9-11)

E LEARNING More About the Truth

2 JOHN 1:12-13

¹²Having 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. ¹³The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen. (2Jn.1:12-13)