

# 2 John Chapter 1

**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.** John 17:17

## 2 John 1:1

<sup>1</sup>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,

(Colossians 1:2-6

<sup>2</sup>We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God our Father give you grace and peace.

<sup>3</sup>We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, <sup>5</sup>which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

<sup>6</sup>This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.)

## 2 John 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup>because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

(3 John 2-6

<sup>2</sup>Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit. <sup>3</sup>Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. <sup>4</sup>I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth.

<sup>5</sup>Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup>They have told the church here of your loving friendship. Please continue providing for such teachers in a manner that pleases God.)

## 2 John 1:5

<sup>5</sup>And 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.

(John 13:32-35

<sup>32</sup>And since God receives glory because of the Son, he will give his own glory to the Son, and he will do so at once. <sup>33</sup>Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. <sup>34</sup>So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup>Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.")

## 2 John 1:6

<sup>6</sup>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.

(1 John 2:3-7

<sup>3</sup>And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup>If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup>But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup>Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before.

1 John 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup>We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup>And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 2:21-27

<sup>21</sup>So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies. <sup>22</sup>And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup>So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. <sup>25</sup>And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us.

<sup>26</sup>I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup>But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.)

## **2 John 1:7**

<sup>7</sup>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.

### **(1 John 2:18-21**

<sup>18</sup>Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. <sup>19</sup>These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.

<sup>20</sup>But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup>So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies.

### **1 John 4:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. <sup>3</sup>But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

<sup>4</sup>But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. <sup>5</sup>Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them.)

## **2 John 1:8**

<sup>8</sup>Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

## (Mark 13:7-11

<sup>7</sup>And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.<sup>8</sup>Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

<sup>9</sup>"When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. <sup>10</sup>For the Good News must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup>But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

## Galatians 3:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. <sup>3</sup>How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? <sup>4</sup>Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

<sup>5</sup>I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

<sup>6</sup>In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.")

## 2 John 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

## (Romans 16:17-20

<sup>17</sup>And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. <sup>18</sup>Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. <sup>19</sup>But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong. <sup>20</sup>The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.)

## 2 John 1:1-12

<sup>11</sup>for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

<sup>12</sup>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.

### (John 17

<sup>1</sup> After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. <sup>2</sup>For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. <sup>4</sup>I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>"I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, <sup>8</sup>for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>"My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. <sup>10</sup>All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. <sup>11</sup>Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. <sup>12</sup>During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

<sup>13</sup>"Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup>Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

<sup>20</sup>"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

<sup>22</sup>"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup>I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will

know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

<sup>25</sup>“O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.” )

## **2 John 1:13**

<sup>13</sup>The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

### **(1 Peter 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

<sup>10</sup>In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. <sup>11</sup>All power to him forever! Amen.

<sup>12</sup>I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

<sup>13</sup>Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup>Greet each other with a kiss of love.

Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.)