

2 John

This letter was written by John, one of Jesus Christ's twelve disciples. He wrote to an elect lady and her children giving greetings (**verses 1-3**) and making some specific points (**verses 5, 10 & 12**). He shows the practical aspect of love towards the Christian brethren (**verses 4-6**) and warns people to take care over supporting travelling teachers because of the danger of false teaching (**verses 7-11**).

Questions:

- 1) What does John particularly write about to this unnamed person?
See **verses 5, 10 & 12**.
- 2) What are the main themes in this letter? There are at least four key words repeated three times or more that John has stressed in this letter.
- 3) What is meant by an antichrist? See **verse 7**.
- 4) What false teaching do you think John has exposed in this letter in **verses 7-9**?
- 5) What do we understand of who God is in this letter? See **verses 3, 7 & 9**
- 6) Discuss what our attitude should be to dealing with false teachers. See **verses 10, 11**)
- 7) Who is "the elect lady and her children" in **verse 1**?
- 8) What evidence do we see from this letter that John really cares for other believers?
- 9) How is John greeting the unnamed person? Look carefully at **verse 3**. It is helpful to look up the meaning of the words that John uses in his greetings.
- 10) Does this short letter show us how to grow spiritually? See **verses 5, 6 & 9**.
- 11) Does John show that some Christians were departing from God? See **verses 8-11**.
- 12) Why did John keep his letter short when he could have written much more?
See **verse 12**.

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