

# 2 JOHN

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**1. TITLES:**

- A. John = gift of God
- B. The Second Epistle of John
- C. The Book of Truth – Doctrinal

**2. AUTHOR:**

Written by John the Beloved, the author of the Gospel, three Epistles, and the Revelation

**3. DATE:**

Probably written between 85 and 90 A.D.

**4. KEY WORDS:**

- A. Truth ('s) – 5
- B. Commandments (s) – 4
- C. Love – 4
- D. Doctrine – 3
- E. Walk (ing) – 3

**5. KEY VERSES: 9, 10**

**6. PURPOSE:**

- A. To warn against the deceivers that come in the spirit of the Anti-Christ.
- B. To instruct against receiving such deceivers.
- C. To encourage them to abide in the doctrine of Christ.

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## 7. MESSAGE:

- A. The believer is to walk in the commandment of love and abide in true doctrine.
- B. The believer is not even to be hospitable to deceivers and transgressors of the doctrine of Christ who are anti-christs.

## 8. OUTLINE:

- I. Walking in True Doctrine ..... v. 1-6
- II. Falling from True Doctrine ..... v. 7-13

## 9. SUMMARY:

This second epistle of John is either a personal epistle written to a Christian lady and her children or a church epistle written to a local church and its members. In either circumstance the truth of this epistle is intended for all believers. In the first section of the epistle John emphasizes walking in true doctrine, keeping the commandment of love. The second section gives warning concerning those who transgress true doctrine, showing that they are deceivers and anti-christs. He exhorts them not even to show hospitality to those false brethren. The basic principles in this epistle arise from the teachings of Christ found in John's Gospel.

## 10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Truth, the Son, and the Christ who is come in the flesh.