

Truth & Love in 2 John

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Week 11
Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing, MI

2 John – the Cover Letter to John’s apostolic, circulatory letter

From:

To:

There is a concern for the _____ (3x here)

The bond is one of _____

This is what remains/abides/stays (3x abide)

Opening Greeting:

Grace

Mercy

Peace

John’s “twist” is that he states it as a promise - *will be*.

Especially when we abide in truth and love

Introduction (4)

John rejoices when he hears that Christians are walking in the truth that was received.

Body part 1 (5-7)

John's request of the congregation is that we _____ one another.

This was the instruction/command from the beginning (echoes 1 John 1:1)

Love is walking in God's commands/instructions

Deceivers have gone out (not stayed) into the world. (cf 1 John 2:15) They do not Confess Jesus comes in the flesh (the incarnation).

John calls that one a deceiver and "against Christ" (antichrist)

Body part 2 (8-11)

Watch! Don't throw it all away.

You can't have God without the _____ of Christ. (3x teaching/didache)

But if we abide/remain in the teaching, we have God - Father and Son.

Do not support the false teachers who reject the teaching of Christ.

Do not welcome them into the house (house church)

Do not greet them (extend the right hand of fellowship - Gal 2:9)

Conclusion (12)

There are so many things he could write, but he hopes rather to come and speak face to face. In person makes our joy complete!

Final Greetings:

The Christians from the sister congregation send their **greetings**.

"We love because He first loved us!" 1 John 4:19

Feel free to email with questions, insights, or God-sightings: pastorw@oursaviorlansing.org.