

# 2 John

John writes this epistle to "the chosen lady and to her children."

## I. HE COMMENDS THE CHOSEN LADY (1:1-4).

A. The salutation (1:1-3:25): Grace, mercy, and peace from the Father and the Son.

B. The commendation (2 John): John commends her for the way she has raised her children in the truth.

## II. HE CHALLENGES THE CHOSEN LADY (1:5-6).

A. That she continue to love God (2 John)

B. That she continue to obey God (2 John)

## III. HE CAUTIONS THE CHOSEN LADY (1:7-11).

A. Look out for Satan (1:7, 10-11).

1. The deception of his ministers (2 John): They deny the incarnation of Christ.

2. The rejection of his ministers (1:10-11)

a. What she is to do (2 John): She is not to welcome them in any manner whatsoever.

b. Why she is to do this (2 John): To welcome them is to share in their wicked ways.

B. Look out for self (1:8-9).

1. Don't forfeit your rewards (2 John).

2. Don't forsake your Redeemer (2 John).

## IV. HE COMFORTS THE CHOSEN LADY (1:12-13).

A. What John plans to do (2 Johna): He desires to personally visit her.

B. Why John plans to do it (2 Johnb-2 John): "Then our joy will be complete."

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|                       | Introduction  | Walk in Truth and Love!   | Stand Against Error!  | Conclusion                         |
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|                       | <u>Greeting</u><br><u>Affirmation</u><br><u>Encouragement</u> | <u>The lady's children</u><br><u>The lady herself</u><br><u>Love one another; walk in obedience</u> | <u>The circumstance (many deceivers)</u><br><u>The warning ("Watch yourselves!")</u><br><u>The instruction (strong but necessary)</u> | <u>Personal</u><br><u>Farewell</u> |
|                       | VERSES<br>1-3   | VERSES<br>4-6   | VERSES<br>7-11  | VERSES<br>12-13                    |
| <b>Emphasis</b>       | Encouragement to love and affirm                              |   | Exhortation to be discerning  |                                    |
| <b>Tone</b>           | Gracious  | Concerned   | Strong  | Warm                               |
| <b>Personal Touch</b> | "I love you"<br>(implied, v. 1)                               | "I ask you"<br>(v. 5)   | "I warn you"<br>(implied, v. 8)   | "I hope to come to you"<br>(v. 12) |
| <b>Main Theme</b>     | Loving others within the limits that truth allows             |   |   |                                    |
| <b>Key Verses</b>     | Verses 5-6  |   |   |                                    |