

The Second Epistle of John

AUTHORSHIP

1. Traditionally assigned to the Apostle John
2. The writer identifies himself only as "the elder"

RECIPIENTS

The chosen lady and her children - possibly a particular Christian church and its members (daughter of Zion and Bride of Christ)

Further indicated by the singular pronouns in verses 1 through 5 and 13 , replaced with the plural, emphasizing the group in verses 6-12

CONDITIONS

requiring the writing of the letter (same as First John)

1. anti-christs (deceivers)
vs7 with 1 Jn 2:18,22
2. guilt of denying the person of Christ
vs7 with 1 Jn 2:22-23; 4:1-3
3. the need to "walk in His commands and walk in love"
vs5-6 with 1 Jn 2:3-9; 3:14-18,23; 4:7, 11, 20-21

DATE

Assumed to be at the same time as First John

Was written because of the circumstances or conditions which existed at the time of the writing

TEXT

Preamble vs1-3

The identity of the writer and the recipients

Stresses the two major concerns of the letter - TRUTH and LOVE

Offers a greeting

SECOND JOHN

- Vs1 The chosen church; its members
whom John loves as do all who know the truth
 1 Tim 3:15
1. chosen - because its members are chosen
 Eph 1:4
2. apparently known by a significant number of believers
 1Thess 1:8-10 (similar situation)
- Vs2 the truth known and cherished which
1. abides in us
2. will be with us forever
 1Jn 1:8-9 We all have come to understand the truth,
 and cling to it as our only hope Jn14:16-18
- Vs3 Verse 2 TRUTH - will be with us forever
Verse 3 GRACE, MERCY, PEACE - will also be with us
which comes from
1. God the Father
2. Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father
- Vs4 I was very glad 1Jn 1:4
children (members) - walking in truth
just as we have received commandment from the Father
- Vs5-6 And now I ask you...
that we love one another...
that we walk according to His commandments...
the commandment.....
you should walk in it.
- This has been the teaching from the beginning.
 1Jn 2:7

What does it mean "to love"?
1Jn3:16-18

Who am I to love?
1Jn5:1-3

Vs7-11 Many deceivers have gone out...who do not acknowledge
the Incarnation. 1Tim 3:16

This is the deceiver; the anti-christ

Vs 8 Watch yourselves - that you:
1. might not lose what we have accomplished
2. that you may receive a full reward

Vs9 The one who does not abide in the teaching of Christ
1. goes too far
2. does not have God

The one who abides in the teaching has both the Father and
the Son

NOTE: Believers can lose their full reward.
The threat is loss of a full reward -
NOT DAMNATION
2Tim2:17,18 (Hymenaeus)
1Tim 1:19-20 "learn" God's discipline of His own
children
1 Cor 11:32; Heb 12:6-10; 1Cor 5:5

QUESTION: Is "loss of salvation" the only thing that
frightens us?

Vs10-11 There is no other teaching that is acceptable than this teaching
If someone teaches other than this:
1. They are a deceiver
2. They are anti-christ

3. They are not to be received into our house
4. They are not to be greeted, which amounts to participating in their godless deeds
5. "Greeting" is more than saying "hello" - It is rejoicing in their message
QUESTION: What is the teaching they do not bring?
ANSWER: Jesus is God, manifest in the flesh.

Vs 12 John had much more to say (write) but preferred face to face communications

Vs 13 If John was writing to a literal woman, he would have sent her greetings.

The children of the sister would again indicate that a church is the entity referred to here.