

## 2 John - The Place of Truth in My Life

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### KNOW the Truth

2Jn 1:1-2 ESV The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I **love in truth**, and not only I, but also all who **know the truth**, 2 because of **the truth that abides in us** and will be with us forever:

- All who KNOW the truth → LOVE in truth **because** truth ABIDES in us and will be in us forever

### Truth LIVING in us

**ABIDES** - Truth is not just a list of facts - It is the the life of God stirring within us and our yielding to Him - it is one thing which identifies us as disciples

- The Father -- Joh 17:17 ESV Sanctify them in the truth; your **word** is truth.
- The Son -- Joh 14:6 ESV **Jesus** said to him, "I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life..."
- The Holy Spirit -- Joh 16:13 When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will guide you into all the truth,...
- Joh 8:30-32 ESV ...31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are **truly my disciples**. 32 **and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"

### WALKING in Truth

2Jn 1:3-4 (1)Grace, (2)mercy, and (3)peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, **in truth and love**. 4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as **we were commanded** by the Father.

- WALKING in truth → a commandment from the Father
- **Children** → Phm 1:10 ESV my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment...

### **A Circular Argument**

2Jn 1:5 And now I ask you, dear lady--not as though I were writing you a new **commandment**, but the one we have had from the beginning--that we **love one another**. 6 And **this is love**, that we walk according to his **commandments**; this is the **commandment**, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

The commandment is to love - love is that we walk according to his commands -- command is walk in truth

- *(see vs 4 some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father)*
- *Obedience-based discipleship*

### Preserve / Protect the Truth - (truth is as much relational is it is intellectual)

2Jn 1:7 For many **deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 **Watch yourselves**, so that **you may not lose** what we have worked for, but may **win a full reward**. 9 Everyone who goes on ahead and **does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God**. Whoever **abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son**. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him into your house** or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. 12 Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. 13 The children of your elect sister greet you.

### Summary - **Let's consider the place of truth in my life?**

- See truth as more than a series of facts, see it as the expression of God alive in us
- Let his word and his teachings LIVE in you
- So that you may not only KNOW the truth
- You may WALK in truth
- May his truth be present in your mind and heart, and let those words drive all that you do.