

# 2 John 1

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## Greeting

<sup>1</sup> The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

<sup>2</sup> For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

<sup>3</sup> Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

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## Walking in Truth and Love

<sup>4</sup> I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

<sup>5</sup> And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

<sup>6</sup> And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

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## Warning Against Deceivers

<sup>7</sup> For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

<sup>8</sup> Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

<sup>9</sup> Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

**10** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

**11** For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

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## Final Greetings

**12** Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

**13** The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Confess — ὁμολογέω (Homologeō)

To confess, acknowledge, agree

The Greek **homologeō** (ὁμολογέω) means to say the same thing—agreeing with God about sin or truth. 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9).

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### Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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### Elect — ἐκλεκτός (Eklektos)

Elect, chosen

The Greek **eklektos** (ἐκλεκτός) means chosen or elect—those selected by God. Believers are 'elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father' (1 Peter 1:2).

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### Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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### 2 John 1:1

**Love:** 2 John 1:5; 1 John 3:18. **Truth:** John 8:32; Galatians 2:5; 2:14; 3:1; 1 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 10:26; 1 John 2:21. **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 5:1

**2 John 1:2** **Parallel theme:** 1 John 2:14; 2:17. **Truth:** 1 John 1:8

**2 John 1:3** **Love:** Galatians 5:6; 1 John 4:10. **Grace:** Romans 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:2; 1:14

**2 John 1:4** **Parallel theme:** Hosea 14:9; Ephesians 5:2; 5:8; 1 John 2:6. **Word:** Malachi 2:6

**2 John 1:5** **Love:** John 15:12; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 4:8; 2 Peter 1:7; 1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:20

**2 John 1:6** **Love:** 2 John 1:5; John 14:15; 14:21; 15:10; 1 John 2:5; 5:3. **Parallel theme:** John 15:14; 1 John 2:24; 5:15

**2 John 1:7** **Parallel theme:** John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 2:26

### 2 John 1:8

**Parallel theme:** Mark 13:9; Luke 21:8; John 4:36; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 3:14; Galatians 3:4; Hebrews 10:32; 10:35; 12:15; Revelation 3:11

**2 John 1:9** **References Christ:** Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 3:14; 6:1; 1 John 1:3. **Parallel theme:** Luke 10:22; John 5:23; 14:6; 15:6; Acts 2:42. **References God:** Titus 2:10

### 2 John 1:10

**Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 5:11; 16:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 3:14; Titus 3:10. **References God:** 2 John 1:11

**2 John 1:11** **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 5:22

### 2 John 1:12

**Parallel theme:** Numbers 12:8; John 15:11; 16:12; 16:24; 17:13; Hebrews 13:19; 1 John 1:4. **Faith:** Romans 15:24

**2 John 1:13** **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 5:13

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