

Series: Fellowship Divine

Title: Essentials of the Believer's Personal Walk

Text: (2 John)

INTRODUCTION

John touches upon two major thoughts:

(1) The Practical Teaching to walk in love which is the culmination of obedience to Christ;

(2) The Doctrinal Teaching Re: Christology & the person of Christ. Deity/Veiled in Humanity.

A. Writer. (vs 1) John the Beloved. (John 13:23)
(Titus 1:5, James 5:14, 1 Tim 5:17)

B. Recipients. (vs 1)

C. Purpose of the Epistle

1. To build up Christians in the Truth. (vs 1-6)
2. Caution against enemies of God: (vs 7-13)

I. This Lady Is Commended by the Apostle: (1:1-4)

A. Revealed Truth, entire Word of God. vs 1 - 3

1. Love and truth are inseparable. (vs 1)
 - a. Christ is Truth, Word is Truth. (Jn 14:6, 17:17)
 - b. God is Love. (I John 4:7, 8)
2. Love in truth. (vs 1)(Eph 6:11)
3. Love because of truth. (vs 2)
 - a. It is inward, dwelleth. (Col 3:16)(John 8:32)
 - b. It is permanent. (I Pet 1:23)(Psa 41:13)
4. Love and truth are empowered by. (vs 3)
 - a. Grace: (Heb 2:9)
 - b. Mercy: (Titus 3:5)
 - c. Peace: (John 14:27) (Phil 4:7) (Isa 26:3)

II. This Lady Is Commanded by the Apostle: (2 Jn 1:4-6)

A. That she walk in truth. (vs 4)

1. Truth manifested in conduct. (I John 3:18)
2. What is this commandment? (I John 3:23)

B. That she walk in love: (vs 5, 6)(Eph 4:15)(Jn1:14,17)

1. Test of true love:(vs 5) (Deut 6:5, Luke10:26-27)
 - a. Love is in our hearts. (Rom 5:5)
 - b. Written the same in (I Jn 2:7, 2:16, and 3:23)
2. Walking after His commandments. (vs 6)
(John 14:15, 21, and 23) (I John 5:1)

III. This Lady Is Cautioned by the Apostle: (Vs 7-13)

A. Watch out for Satan (2 Jn 1:7, 9-11)

1. They are in the world. - (Matt 24:4, 5)
2. They teach false doctrine. (2 Cor 11:13-15)
3. They are against Christ: (I John 2:18, 4:3)
4. Mortal enemies of the Bible. (I John 4:6, 5:20)

B. Watch out for Self: (2 Jn 1:8)

1. Personal need of the believer:(II Tim1:12, IJn 5:13)
2. Things wrought: (I Cor 3:11-15)(2 Cor 5:10)
3. Full Reward To who have lived: (1 Cor 3:5-17)
4. No rewards. (Jude vs 20 - 23, esp vs 23)

C. Doctrine of Christ. (vs 9)

1. Whosoever. (vs 9) (II Cor 11:13 - 15)
2. Hath, hath not God. (vs 9) (II Tim 3:16, 17)
(Is 8:20)(Ps 138:2)(Ps 12:6-7)
3. The Doctrine of Christ. (vs 9b)
4. Not to extend hospitality to the enemies of God.
(vs 10, 11) (Acts 20:29, 30, Gal 1:8)

IV. Conclusion. (vs 12, 13)

A. Face to face. (vs 12)

B. Full joy. (vs 12)

C. Greeting from her sister's children. (vs 13)