

## 2 JOHN

PLAIN SENSE PARAPHRASE

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This letter is from John, the elder.

I am writing to the chosen lady [house church leader?] and to her children [house church members?], whom I love in the truth [in Christ? in the gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ?—as does everyone else who knows the truth— 2 because the truth lives in us and will be with us forever.

3 I wish you grace, mercy, and peace, — from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father — in sincerity and love.

4 How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the truth, just as the Father commanded.

5 I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that we should love one another. This is not a new command, but one we have had from the beginning. 6 Love means obeying God, and he has commanded us to love one another, as you have been taught since you were saved.

7 I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny the deity of Jesus — that Jesus Christ, God the Son, came to this earth in a human body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. 9 Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has lost their salvation. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ is secure in God the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to your house church meetings and does not teach the truth about Christ, do not invite them back, give them a

place to stay in your home, or give them any kind of help or encouragement. 11 Anyone who helps or encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work.

12 I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete.

13 Greetings from the children of your sister [another house church?], chosen by God.