

Short Letters, Big Issues

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John calls himself “the elder,”
and he is probably writing
to a church.

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[3] Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

The Story of 2 John



Two important words:

Truth, Love

2 John

[4] I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father.

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[5] Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.

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[6] And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

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[7] For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

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[8] Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

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[9] Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

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[10] If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;

[11] for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

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[12] Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be made full.

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[13] The children of your chosen sister greet you.

Impressions from 2 John

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➤ Obedience and legalism are two different things!

2 Thessalonians 2:10

[10] and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Galatians 2:5

[5] But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.

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➤ If we truly love God, we will love His truth.

2) What does the Bible say about antichrist?



2 John 7

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1 John 2:18

[18] Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22

[22] Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:1-3

[1] Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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[2] By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

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[3] and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

3) We must not support those who teach un-Christian ideas.



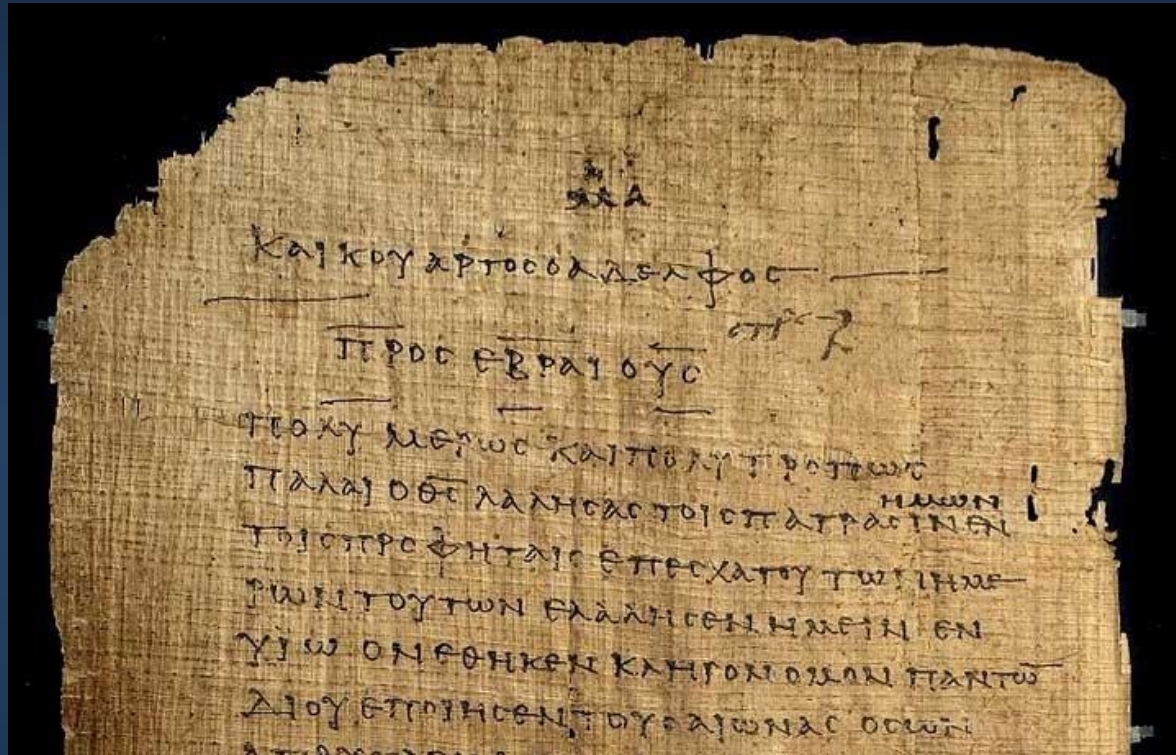
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