


The Second Letter from John

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 **1** ¹⁻²From the Elder,
To the Chosen Lady^a and her children.

I truly love all of you. But I am not the only one—Everyone who has come to know the Truth loves you, because the Truth lives in us all and will remain with us forever. ³Loving kindness, mercy, and peace be with us from God the Father and his Son, Jesus the Messiah, as we live by truth and love.

⁴I was very happy to learn that some of your children are truly following the command we received from our Father. ⁵But now, my Lady, I ask this from you. I am writing you to give you a new command. This is the command we have had since the beginning: Love one another. ⁶However, love means doing what our Father says, so do what he says and truly love one another.

⁷There are many false teachers that have gone out into the world trying to lead people away from the truth. They will not confess that

^a **Chosen Lady ... children** This probably refers to the church and its members. Possibly the church in Jerusalem, where John had lived for such a long time.

Jesus the Messiah came to earth as a man with a physical body. ⁸Don't believe this. Be careful and protect yourselves! Don't lose everything you have worked for. Be sure you receive your full reward.

⁹You must not add to the teaching about Messiah. Whoever changes that teaching does not have God, but whoever continues in the true teaching about the Messiah has both the Father and his Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you with any other teaching, then don't welcome them into your home. Don't welcome with a greeting of peace. ¹¹If you welcome someone with a greeting of peace, then it means that you are sharing in the bad things they do.

¹²I have many other things to tell you, but I don't want to write them in a letter with pen and paper. Instead, I hope to come there and speak with you in person, so our joy will be complete. ¹³The children of your chosen sister^b send you their greeting of "Peace."

Amen. 

^b **children of your chosen sister** That is, the members of the church that John was with when he wrote this letter.

Notes
