

**GOSPEL** of *Grace*  
FELLOWSHIP

**2 John 1-6**

**Truth, Obedience and Love**

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**Truth, Love and Fellowship**

**2 John 1 (ESV)**  
The elder to the elect lady and her children, **whom I love in truth**, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,

- John is likely addressing a local fellowship
- Truth and love are fundamental to Christian fellowship
- Those who lit. "having known" the truth are those saved by faith in the gospel

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**Love Because of Abiding Truth**

**2 John 2 (ESV)**  
because of **the truth that abides** in us and will be with us forever

- Truth, love and abiding are themes of John
- In John 14:16, 17 the Spirit of truth is promised to be with us forever
- Those who minimize truth and its importance harm anyone who listens to them!

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### Grace, Mercy and Peace

#### 2 John 3 (ESV)

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

- John states his salutation as a promise
- "Truth and love" appear together 4 times in 1-3 John, the most of any NT writer
- John adds "mercy" to grace and peace creating a unique salutation

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### Joy at Walking in Truth

#### 2 John 4 (ESV)

I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

- We must rejoice when we see that people love the truth enough to walk in it
- Here "walking" is from *peripateo*, which means one's behavior and mode of life
- "Some" is implied and John will address some who have not done so

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### Love One Another

#### 2 John 5 (ESV)

And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.

- Those who love Christ are hated by the world (1Jn 3:13)
- Love is not merely an emotion but faith expressed in selfless action

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### Obedience to Christ

#### 2 John 6 (ESV)

And this is love, that we **walk** according to his **commandments**; this is the **commandment**, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should **walk** in it.

- Jesus is the "Prophet" predicted by Moses
- Love motivates obedience that is grounded in revealed truth
- Jesus taught this obedience (Jn 14:15, 21)

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### Implications and Applications

- If we do not love the truth we cannot truly love God
- To obey Christ we must love one another as Christians

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### Love Christ Who Speaks the Truth

#### John 8:45-47 (NASB)

But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? **If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?** He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God.

- In Jn 8:42 they were told that they would love Jesus if they were from the Father

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### Welcome the Truth

**2 Thessalonians 2:10 (NKJV)**

and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

- "Receive" is *dechomai* which denotes "welcome" when used of a person
- The truth comes in the person of Christ and the lie comes through antichrist (vss 8-12 are about the lawless one & the lie)

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### Love One Another

**John 13:34 (NASB)**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another

- The world hates Christians (Jn 15:18, 19)
- If we fail to love one another we have nowhere to go
- If we obey Christ we will love as He said

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