

# Bible Snapshots



## **Second John – Love and Truth**      **Author – John**

- Author – see the last Bible snapshot about First John. Same author.
- John writes this second epistle to warn against the corrupting influences of false teachers denying the reality of Christ's humanity and to encourage Christians to "love in the truth."
- The apostle John exhorts and encourages the lady to whom he writes to continue in the truth and faith of the gospel in love to God and His people, and to avoid false teachers and their doctrines. With regard to this, his primary message is that the truth is Christ and found only in Him.
- This is a personal letter written to the "elect lady," which may be a particular congregation, though little is known about the original recipients.
- Second John has only 1 chapter, 13 verses and only 303 words.

### **Key verses – 6**

### **Key words / phrase – Love / abide in the doctrine**

### **Outline**

- I. Introduction (1-3)
- II. The path of believer (4-6)
- III. The peril of the believers (7-11)
- IV. Conclusion (12, 13)

### **The abiding word of truth (2:**

Was from the beginning (John 1:1)

True from the beginning (Psalm 119:160)

Forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89, 152)

Pure (Psalm 119:140)

Faithful to His saints (Psalm 119:138)

A heritage for His children: (Ps. 119:111)

Greater than his eternal name (Psalm 138:2; 135:13)

Will abide forever (Mt. 24:35)

### **A successful Christian**

Walks in truth (4)

Loves the truth (6)

Abides in truth (9)

Welcomes no untruth (9-11)

Results – Gives joy to the believer (12)

### **Walking in truth**

Expresses life (2)

Encourages believers (4)

Elects to obey (6)

Endears the heritage (8)

Exalts Christ's doctrine (9)

Ejects all error (10)

### **Full Joy (1 John 1:4)**

In his first letter John writes to that the disciples joy "may be full." John rejoices to see those who are walking in truth. When the Lord saves a poor wretched sinner he establishes him, cleanses him, change him to a new creation and places a song within his heart (Psalm 40:1-3). Seeing that change and work of God in the life of believers can bring joy to others, especially those who have labored to make that happen. The second epistle of John is the result of that rejoicing at seeing those who are "the children" of the "elect lady."