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COLOR KEY FOR COMMON THEMES

BLUE - TRUTH

YELLOW - LOVE

GREEN - COMMAND

ORANGE - WALK

AQUA - HOSPITALITY

RED - EVIL, LIE, ANTI-CHRIST



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The elder:

¹ To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not only I, but also all who know the truth — ² because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us forever.

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.



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⁴ I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, in keeping with a command we have received from the Father. ⁵ So now I ask you, dear lady — not as if I were writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning — that we love one another. ⁶ This is love: that we walk according to his commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: that you walk in love.



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⁷ Many **deceivers** have gone out into the world; they do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. This is the **deceiver** and the **antichrist**. ⁸ Watch yourselves so that you don't lose what we have worked for, but that you may receive a full reward. ⁹ Anyone who does not remain in Christ's teaching but goes beyond it does not have God. The one who remains in that teaching, this one 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 home**, and **do not greet him**; ¹¹ for the one who greets him shares in his **evil works**.



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¹² Though I have many things to write to you, I don't want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you and talk face to face so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your elect sister send you greetings.



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The elder:

¹ To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. ² Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well. ³ For I was very glad when fellow believers came and testified to your fidelity to the truth — how you are walking in truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth.



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⁵ Dear friend, you are acting faithfully in whatever you do for the brothers and sisters, especially when they are strangers. ⁶ They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, ⁷ since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. ⁸ Therefore, we ought to support such people so that we can be coworkers with the truth.



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⁹ I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who **loves** to have first place among them, does not receive our authority. ¹⁰ This is why, if I come, I will remind him of the works he is doing, **slandering** us with malicious words. And he is not satisfied with that! He not only **refuses** to **welcome fellow believers**, but he even **stops those who want to** do so and **expels** them from the church.



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¹¹ Dear friend, do not imitate what is **evil**, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does **evil** has not seen God. ¹² Everyone speaks well of Demetrius — even the **truth** itself. And we also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is **true**.



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¹³ I have many things to write you, but I don't want to write to you with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵ Peace to you. The friends send you greetings. Greet the friends by name.



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