



2 John – October 15, 2017
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Historical Timeline

AD 29

Jesus calls John to be a disciple.

AD 33

As Jesus dies, he asked John to care for his mother.

AD 66

John leaves Jerusalem for Ephesus.

AD 70

John writes his Gospel.

AD 80-84

John writes 2nd and 3rd John.

AD 95

John is exiled to Patmos where he receives and records the book of Revelation.

AD 95-98

John was released from Patmos and returned to Ephesus and writes 1 John during this time.

BC _____ 0 _____ AD

BC= Before Christ

AD = Anno Domini, Latin for *in the year of our Lord*

B.C. and A.D. are commonly used to count years in time. Jesus Christ's birth is used as a starting point to count years that existed *before* (B.C.) and *after* (A.D.) He was born.

Greeting in 2 John (vv. 1-3)

The Chosen Lady and her children are the use of personification and John's way of writing about the CHURCH and her members.

Grace, describes all that God has done for us in Christ that we did not deserve.

Mercy, is God not giving us all we do deserve!

Peace, is the state that comes from the application of God's grace and mercy in our lives.

Walk in Truth (vv. 4-6)

For John, nothing can take the place of obedience (walking in the truth) in the Christian life.

Love and obedience always go together in the Christian life.

John reminds the church that the command to love is not a new command but one that has been around "from the beginning" of the gospel.

Abide in Truth (vv. 7-11)

John shifts back to the topic of false teachers and their false doctrine.

He calls them deceivers and the antichrist.

John says that those who abide in the truth (sound doctrine) give evidence of a genuine salvation experience.

John connects the Father and Jesus the Son in such a way as to teach that one cannot know God without knowing His Son, Jesus.

Yours Sincerely (vv. 12-13)

We get the sense that the Apostle John has much to say but would rather put down the pen and come and talk face to face.

When truth and love function in their proper way within the church you will find the body of Christ living in total health.

No compromise of the truth and no compromise of love is the message the Apostle John writes in this one-chapter book.