

## 2 JOHN

**John:** one of the 12 men Jesus chose to be Apostles. John wrote **the gospel of John** and wrote **the letters of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John**

**Mat 4:18-22** Jesus told **John to follow him** John was a fisherman by trade like Peter and Andrew.

**Luke 5:2-11** When the men brought their boats to the shore, **they left everything and followed Jesus**

**John was an eyewitness of Jesus Christ as a man.** He saw the miracles and glory of the Christ.

**John 21:25** John ends his gospel account with this:

Though out the gospel of John, **John never uses his name.** He always referred to himself as “**the disciple or follower whom Jesus loved.**” references **John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7**

Remember how **John began his gospel?** **John 1:1-4, 10-14**

Again remember how **John began his 1<sup>st</sup> letter?** **1 John 1:1-4**

**2 John is a short letter of only 13 verses to a woman that isn't named.**

**Verses 1-4: To the chosen lady and her children....** **Note:** some scholars say “To the chosen lady and her children” really the lady was a church - and the children were the members.

**verse 4** makes me lean toward that this was **a woman John knew** – that **she was a believer in Christ.**

**And that some of her children were believers also.** Perhaps a dear friend – obviously he wrote her a letter.

**Verses 5-6 John writes:** not a new command - one we have had from the beginning

**I ask you that we all love each other. And love means** living the way God commanded us to live. .... **Live a life of love**

**1 John 3:11** This is the teaching you have heard from the beginning: **We must love each other.**

**23-24 This is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love each other,** just as he commanded.

**Rem: John writes in 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:3-6** We can be sure that we know God if we obey his commands. Whoever says that he lives in God **must live as Jesus lived.**

**Phil 2:5** says we must think and act like Jesus **8** when he was living as a man, **he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God.**

**1 John 5:3-5** Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us

**John writes in John 6:28-29** What are the things God wants us to do? Jesus answers....

**Remember Mark 12:29-31** Jesus was asked “**what is the greatest commandment**” **Jesus says** “**there are no commands more important than these**”

**Mat 22:40** **All the law and the writings of the prophets depend on these two commands.**

**Gal 5:14 Paul:** The whole law is made complete in this one command: **Love your neighbor as .....**

**2<sup>nd</sup> John 6** again: **Live a life of love.** All other commands of God are under this umbrella :  
**no commands more important than these**

**Luke 6:36-38a** these direct commands of how we are to act are **all under the love umbrella**

**John writes in 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-12** if we love each other, God lives in us and his love is made perfect in us

**1 Peter 4:8** **Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other of many sins.**

**Eph 4:30-5:2** do not make the Holy Spirit sad.... You are God's children whom he loves, so try to be like him.

**2 John 7-8** **Many false teachers are in the world....**

**Heb 13:9** Do not let all kinds of strange teachings lead you into the wrong way....

**Be careful yourselves that you do not lose everything you have worked for....**

**Heb 2:1** We must pay more careful attention to what we have heard , **so that we do not drift away**

**Luke 8:18 nlt** Jesus saying:

**Col 2:8** Be sure no one leads you away with false and empty teaching that is only human

**Col 2:16** do not let anyone make rules for you to follow

**1 Tim 6:20-21** Stay away from foolish, useless talk and from arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge”

**1 John 5:9-13** We believe people when they say something is true. But what God says is more important

**2<sup>nd</sup> John 9-11 nlt** **Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. Do not encourage people who have wandered away from Christ's teachings**

This is John's warning to the lady and her children and to us today

The teaching John is warning us about not to go beyond is Christ's teachings which is **Love**

**2<sup>nd</sup> John 12-13** **John ends his letter** He hopes to come and **talk face to face so we can be full of joy.** We assemble together to encourage each other and grow our faith and love so we can.....

From this letter I believe John makes it very clear **The only rule that matters – the only command that matters – that no command is greater than – is LOVE EACH OTHER** as God loves you.

**1 John 4:14-21** read it

**John 3:18**

**Romans 4:25-5:1**

We worship a “risen savior” and if we follow the commands of Christ by being humble as He was humble and are obedient to God's commands of Loving each other – we will be like Him and we can be without fear on the day God judges us.

**This is encouraging stuff and gives us great joy when we grasp it.**

**2 John 9 Whoever continues to follow the teaching of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**

Thats the lesson if you need prayers or know you need to be baptized we invite you now

Stand and sing