

WALK IN TRUTH.

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INTRODUCTION.:

I. READ THE TEXT: **2 JOHN VSS. 5-9.**

II. REGARDING THE TEXT:

A. The book is penned by the apostle John.

B. 2 John is addressed to “the elect lady and her children.”

1. Who is this? ... We cannot know for sure.
2. But the lessons are still true and powerful.

III. NOTICE THE THREE-FOLD COUNSEL. (DESIGNED TO KEEP ONE STEADFAST IN THE FAITH.)

1. **LOVE** one another. (**Vs. 5**)
2. **WATCH** yourselves. (**Vs. 8**)
3. **ABIDE** in the doctrine. (**Vs. 9**)

IV. TO WALK IN TRUTH, WE MUST OBSERVE ALL THREE:

A. LOVE ONE ANOTHER:

1. **1 John 2:7-10.**
2. **1 John 3:11** “For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”
3. **1 John 3:23** “And this is his commandment, that we should *believe* on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *love one another*, as he gave us commandment.”
4. Our love for one another will bind us together. **Col. 2:2** “That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love...” **Phil. 2:2** “Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

B. LOOK TO YOURSELVES:

1. Watch yourselves (**2 Cor. 9:27**).
 - 1) **Gal 6:4** “But let every man *prove his own work*, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”
 - 2) **2 Cor. 13:5** “*Examine yourselves*, whether ye be in the faith; *prove your own selves*.” (Look into the “perfect law of liberty” **James 1:22-25**.)
 - 3) Same as when partaking of the Lord’s Supper: **1 Cor. 11:28** “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.”
 - 4) Be careful and watch:
 - a. **Matt. 24:4** “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.”
 - b. Make sure that how we live is from God.
 - c. **1 John 4:1** “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”
2. We are each responsible for our actions – WATCH OUT!

C. ABIDE IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST: (The contrast to “abideth not.”)

1. Refuse error (**Vs. 6, 9-11**).
2. Keep the truth.

- 1) **Pro 23:23** “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”
- 2) **3 John vs. 3** “For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.”
- 3) **1 John 2:24-25** “Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”
- 4) **Heb. 3:14** “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.”

V. TO WALK IN THE TRUTH, WE MUST OBEY THAT TRUTH (1 Peter 1:22 “SEEING YE HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT UNTO UNFEIGNED LOVE OF THE BRETHREN, SEE THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH A PURE HEART FERVENTLY” ALSO Hebrews 5:9).

- A. We must hear the truth (**Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17**).
- B. After we have heard the gospel, we must believe it (**Mark 16:15-16**).
- C. Then repent (**Acts 3:19**).
- D. Confess Christ before men (**Matthew 10:32**).
- E. Be baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**).
- F. Live faithfully (**Revelation 2:10**).