

Discussion and Reflection Questions 10th of October 2021

Read: 2 John

¹The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, ²because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us for ever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

⁴ I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. ⁵But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it.

⁷ Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! ⁸Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. ⁹Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching; ¹¹for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person.

¹² Although I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your elect sister send you their greetings.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever heard a sermon, done a bible study or remember reading the 2nd letter of John?
2. The main themes of the letter's opening verses is truth & love. What do you think the relationship is between truth & love? What would it mean to 'walk in truth & love'?

3. John warns of false teachers teaching that Jesus was not truly in the flesh. Have you ever heard teaching or sermons that have made you question what you believe? How can you be sure that they are not 'false teaching' or as John describes 'deceivers'?
4. What are some of the elements of the Christian faith that you have or still struggle to believe?
5. What do you think are some of the distinctive of the Christian faith?
6. How easy is it to hold on to those distinctive of the Christian faith in the world we live in today?

Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for the people who have faithfully taught us about your truth & love, through their words, their actions & their example. Strengthen our faith in you that we might be able to discern what is helpful & harmful to our faith & to the well-being of others. Grow & mature our faith that we too might be able to be examples of those who walk in truth & love, in Jesus name we pray.
Amen