

Lesson 7

2 John 1-13

• Questions

1. What feeling did John and others have toward those to whom he wrote (verse 1)?

2. Where is truth to abide and how long does it last (verse 2)?

3. What blessing did John desire for himself and his readers (verse 3)?

4. Why did John rejoice (verse 4)?

5. What did John request of his readers concerning love (verse 5)?

6. How is love manifest in the Christian's life (verse 6)?

7. What specific danger did John warn his readers about (verse 7)?

8. What admonition did John give his readers (verse 8)?

9. What is the spiritual state of one who goes beyond the teaching of Christ and the one who abides in the teaching of Christ (verse 9)?

10. What is to be done with the one who does not bring the teaching of Christ (verse 10)?

11. What happens when we give greeting to the one who does not bring the teaching of Christ (verse 11)?

12. Why did John not want to write more than he did (verse 12)?

13. Who sent greetings to John's readers (verse 13)?

• Digging Deeper

1. Who is "the elder" (verse 1; see also 3 Jn. 1), who is "the elect lady and her children" (verse 1, 4, and 5), and who is the "elect sister" (verse 13)?

2. What other place did John mention the "anti-christ" (verse 7)?

3. What is the teaching or doctrine of Christ (verse 9 and 10)?

• Applications for Today

1. Truth and love go hand-in-hand (verses 1-3; see also 3 Jn. 1). What are Christians to speak (Eph. 4:15)?

2. It is important to "know" truth, "abide" in truth, and "walk" in truth (verses 1-4). What is important for everyone to do regarding truth (Rom. 2:8; Gal. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:22)?

3. What causes one to be happy tells a lot about that person. John found joy in those who were walking in truth (verse 4; see also 3 Jn. 4). What does love do (1 Cor. 13:6)?

4. Christians are to show their love by walking in truth and walking after God's commandments (verses 4-6; see also 1 Jn. 5:2-3). What did Jesus say about loving him (Jn. 14:15, 21; 15:10)? What example did Jesus set for his disciples (Jn. 14:31)?

5. Christians are to love one another (verse 5). What commandment did Jesus give his disciples (Jn. 13:34; 15:12; 1 Jn. 3:23; 4:21)?

6. Do not let deceivers take what you have worked for in Christ and cause you to fall away (verses 7-8). What warning did Paul give the Christians at Colossae (Col. 2:18)?

7. The teaching or doctrine of Christ found in the New Testament is our spiritual "boundary line" and we are not to go beyond it (verse 9-11). What did Paul say in 1 Corinthians 4:6 about what is written in God's word?