



II JOHN

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“we have known and believed” (4:16)!

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“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Remember to pray for Spirit-filling to understand and enjoy this study (Lk.11:13)!

“The elect lady was evidently a Christian matron who, with her children, adorned the doctrine of Christ. In all probability she was one who had been blessed and helped through John’s ministry. Now she has evidently written to him for advice as to how she would be expected to act when importuned to open her home to false teachers. Would Christian charity demand courtesy and hospitality be shown even to these, or were there other responsibilities which must first be considered?” Ironside

“Realizing that standing is just one bad step removed from falling, he hesitates not at all to issue a reminder [v.5]: love one another. The apostle admits that this is not new revelation, but he views it sufficiently important to repeat. Loving one another, he stresses, is equivalent to walking according to God’s commandments [v.6]. John indicates, however, that this love must be discerning. It is false charity to open the door to false teaching. We must have fellowship with God. We must have fellowship with Christians. But we must not have fellowship with false teachers [vs.7-11].”

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“The apostle John writes a brief personal letter to a Christian mother of grown children. He is pleased to have encountered some of her children living for the Lord. He knows that she is given to hospitality, and is concerned that no one take advantage of her generosity. He gives her sage advice that can protect believers of all time from insidious deceivers.” Stewart Custer, “The Doctrine of Christ,” *Biblical Viewpoint*, April 1993

Monday—prayerfully read II John, the second shortest book in the Bible, twice. Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.6.

Tuesday—prayerfully continue to study II John.

1-5. One way to outline the book of II John is according to the following division of verses. Write a summarizing thought for each section.

verses 1-3 _____

verses 4-6 _____

verses 7-11 _____

verses 12-13 _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, one from this letter that particularly blesses you.

Wednesday—prayerfully read II John, and paraphrase two or three verses (or thoughts) which “speak to you” (or bless you).

1-2. _____

3-4. _____

5-6. Third truth, or take a verse with you for the day (to keep percolating). _____

Thursday—continue to enjoy reading II John, and spend a little time answering the following question.

1-5. What do you suppose John means by “the doctrine of Christ” in v.9? Please try to give two or three possible meanings (which I think will come to you as you “gaze upon” the expression within the passage). _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, one from this letter that is “sobering,” perhaps v.10.

Friday—prayerfully read II John 1-6, and answer the following.

1. Who wrote this letter, and to whom did he write it (v.1)?

2. What is John’s motivation in writing this letter (v.2)?

3. What caused John to rejoice (v.4)? _____

4. What is John exhorting the elect lady to (continue to) do (v.5)?

5. How did John define love here (v.6)? _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.6.

Saturday—prayerfully ponder II John 7-13, and answer the following.

1. Who is “a deceiver and antichrist” (v.7)? _____

2. What seemed to concern John in v.8? _____

3. Who has both the Father and the Son (v.9)? _____

4. What two things are we not supposed to do regarding those who do not bring the doctrine of Christ (v.10)? _____

5. What did John say would help complete his joy (v.12)?

6. Take a strengthening verse with you for the day, perhaps v.11.

Sunday—prayerfully review II John.

Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.10!