

“Truth & Love Fight For Family”

2nd John 1:12-13

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INTRO: Here are a few questions for you...

1. Where are we in God’s Word?
2. How did we get here?
3. Where are we going next?
4. How does this all go together?

BIG IDEA: ***“Truth & Love Fight For Family”***
(the implication & application of 2nd John)

PREVIEW:

1. *Remind*
2. *Re-engage*
3. *Remember*
4. *Reinforce*
5. *Real Relationships*

12 *Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.*

13 *The children of your elect sister greet you.*

VIDEO: *Jude v.5*

12a: *“Though I have much to write to you,”*

- An exception or an explanation is at hand...
- *“I... to... you...”* = relational koinonia (again)
- *“MUCH to write...”* =
 - Message
 - Mission
 - Ministry
 - Methods
 - Macro & Micro

12c: *“so that our joy may be complete.”*

- *“so that”* = purpose of the statement
- *“our joy may be complete”* = KOINONIA

13: *The children of your elect sister greet you.*

- *Grace*
 - *“children”*
 - Nieces & Nephews... in your sister
 - Brothers & Sisters... in your Savior
 - Both are blessings...
 - Grace is the clear connection...
 - *“your elect”*
 - Biblical election is the greatest example of God’s amazing grace. - JDP

➤ *Gospel*

- *“children... of your elect sister”*
 - By either direct message or indirect metaphor, 2nd John, verse 13 is illustrating THE Gospel’s faithfully redeemed, far reaching family of God.
- *“elect”* / election brings into focus:
 - Creator / creation
 - Justifier / justification
 - Redeemer / redemption
 - Sanctifier / sanctification
 - Glorifier / glorification
 - King / kingdom
 - Trinity / timelessness

➤ *Greet*

- *“greet”*
 - Relational warmth &/or koinonia love
 - Opposite previous warning/command
 - Hearts unite regardless of distance...

➤ *GLORY = grace + gospel + greeting*

Broader CONTEXT:

1The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in 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 forever:

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

VIDEO: [Hold On 76 Intro – Hebrews 13:19](#)

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

VIDEO: [1st John 2 Warning of Antichrists](#)

8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. **9** Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

VIDEO: [Normal Church clip - Revelation ch. 2&3](#)

10 *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, **11** for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.*

VIDEO: *Lovers & Liars 5 Intro – 3 A's*

CLOSE: *“Truth & Love Fight For Family”*

- Jude 5
- Hebrews 13:19
- Acts 2:46
- 2 John 1:1-11
- 1 John 2:18ff
- Revelation ch.2&3
- 2 John 1:12-13

12b: *I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you and talk face to face,*

- *“I would rather not...”*
 - What is it that John would rather not do?
 - **DON'T MISS this...**
 - **Why is he doing what he would rather not do?**

- ***When & Why do you do what you would rather not do???***
 - **Have-to... MUST-do...**
 - **Need-to... Necessity...**
 - **Urgency...**
 - Literally, all else can wait.
 - Literally, this message can't...
- ***"I hope to... come to you... talk... face to face"***
 - **Relational koinonia**
 - Shared love of, for, & from God
 - Shared **koinonia hope...**
 - Shared **koinonia connections...**
 - Shared **koinonia conversations...**
 - Shared **koinonia clarifications...**

Let's Pray!