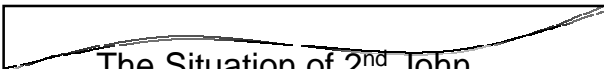


2 John

Believers Must Guard the Truth of Christ

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The Situation of 2nd John

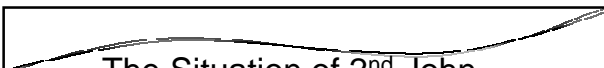
The Problem:

- The Supreme God did not directly create the material world. (physical material is evil)
- The divine Christ came down upon Jesus at baptism and left prior to crucifixion. (denial of the incarnation)

The Date: 90-93 A.D.

- 2nd John was written prior to 1st John?

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us, but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.



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The Recipient(s):

1. The “Chosen Lady” was a real person who had a family.
2. The “Chosen Lady” was a metaphor for the church universal.
3. The “Chosen Lady” was a metaphor for a local church in Asia Minor.

The Structure of 2nd John

Three Commands

1. "Love one another" (5)
2. "Watch yourselves" (8)
3. "Do not receive him" (10)

Five Contrasts

1. Walking in truth (4) vs. rejecting truth (7)
2. Command from beginning (5) vs. teaching that goes beyond Christ (9)
3. Work rewarded (8) vs. wicked works (11)
4. Continuing in Christ vs. not continuing (9)
5. Welcoming vs. not welcoming false teachers

John Greet A Church In Asia Minor

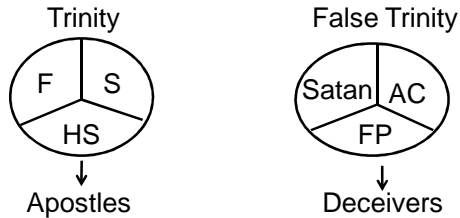
2 John 1-3 The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever. Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

We Must Walk In Truth

2 John 4-6 I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should **walk in it**.

The Reason We Must Walk In Truth

2 John 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ **as coming in the flesh**. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.



A Summary of The Heresy John Faced

1 John 2:22a Who is the liar, but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?

1 John 4:2-3 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

1 John 5:6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

We Must Guard Against Heresy

2 John 8-9 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what you have accomplished, but that you may receive full reward. **Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God;** the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

We Must Not Aid Heretics

2 John 10-11 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

Greeting = "Peace be with you"

John's Farewell

2 John 12-13 Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak to face, so that your joy may be made full. The children of your chosen sister greet you.

Applications

1. Believers persevere by means of "hearing" God's word.
2. Men and women must believe in the Jesus revealed in the Scriptures in order to be saved.

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John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-2 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

1 Peter 1:4-5 (promise to believers) to obtain an inheritance ...reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2. We Must Believe In The Jesus of The Bible
Must Be Fully Man

Hebrews 2:16-18 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

2. We Must Believe In The Jesus of The Bible
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Jonah 2:9 Salvation is from Yahweh.

John 8:58 Before Abraham was born, I am.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
