

## REMAINING IN GOD'S TRUTH

### 2 John 1;7-13

John told us biblical love does not imply naïve, undeserving acceptance of just anyone who claims to represent Jesus. We must avoid “deceivers” who wander from the truth, corrupt the truth, and lead others away from truth.

#### I. WATCH YOURSELVES! (vv. 7- 8)

1. What is at stake is so vital the church must be discerning.

(Paul expressed a similar concern 2 Cor 11:2; Gal 3:1-3)

2. Spiritual regression will cost believers the loss of a full reward.

3. Believers will be rewarded in heaven for their service here.

(Matt 5;12; 10:41-42; Lk 6:35; 1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev 22:12)

#### II. ANOTHER TEST OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN (v. 9)

1. Anyone who does not stay in the teaching of Jesus is not saved!

2. A true believer can wander, but the Holy Spirit will call you back. (1 Cor 4:6)

3. Those who alter, add to, or deny what the Bible says about Jesus

Christ do not have God! (Rev 22:18-19)

#### III. GUARD THE TRUTH (vv. 10-11)

1. If anyone strays from biblical truth...do not let them in.

2. We allow false teachers in by: door, books, CD, DVD, TV, internet.

3. John said, “Don’t even give them a greeting.”

4. We must not allow ravenous wolves into God’s sheep fold.

Only by holding to our Lord’s full divine truth can we fulfill our divine call to be a shining light in a dark world.