

The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing But The Truth

The Who, What, and Why:

2 John 1-3, 1 Peter 5:13

Written by the Elder:

Written to the Chosen Lady:

Written to both **encourage** and **warn** the church.

Know the truth:

2 John, John 14:6, Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 1:15-23, Philippians 2:5-11

The truth is that Jesus is the **Son of God** and our **salvation**.

Walk in the truth:

2 John 1-6, 1 John 3:10

The truth is the key to our:

Unity:

Grace:

Mercy:

Peace:

Protect the truth:

2 John 7-13, 1 John 4:6, Colossians 2:6-10, Galatians 1:3-10, Ephesians 5:6-11

- ▶ Christian maturity is measured by our **knowledge** and **relationship** with Christ, not some **new key** to understanding, or **new revelation**.
- ▶ If you reject **Jesus** you reject **God**.
- ▶ Don't **get involved** with anyone who doesn't teach the **real Jesus**.

Food for Thought

For the week of July 1, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. In his second letter, John repeats his command that we should love one another. He goes on to say, "this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands." To love means we obey the commands that tell us how to treat each other. There are more than 30 commands in the New Testament on how we're to treat "one another." Below are a few of them. After reading each verse below, identify the "one another" command in each one.

John 13:34-35

Ephesians 4:32

Romans 12:10

Ephesians 5:21

Romans 12:16

Colossians 3:9

Romans 14:13

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Romans 15:7

Hebrews 3:13

Romans 15:14

Hebrews 10:24

Colossians 3:16

Hebrews 10:25

1 Corinthians 12:25

James 4:11

Galatians 5:13

James 5:16

Looking back on these verses as a whole, what general observations can you make about them?

Which of these commands do you think you need to give special attention to in terms of improving your relationship with the significant people in your life?

2. Often we have interactions with people who don't believe in Jesus or who want us to believe in their version of Jesus. How can 2 Timothy 2:24-26 help us understand how to share about the real Jesus with people in a way that is loving?

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. [25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. [NIV]