

Series "Following After God"
"The Obedient Life"
2 John 1:5-13
Study-19

1 John – is written so that one may, "Have - Fellowship with God" (Am I Truly A Christian?)

2 John – is written so that one would, "Avoid - Fellowship with False Teachers" (Don't Get Trapped by False Teachers)

Note the key words of 2 John - Truth – 5X, Commandment - 4X, Love – 4X

The importance of Obedience can never be overstated! 2 John 1:6

- 1. Verses 5-6 – Obedience to the Truth**
- 2. Verses 7-11 – Opponents of the Truth**
- 3. Verses 12-13 – Learning the Truth**

1. Verses 5-6 – Obedience to the Truth:

2 John 1:1

2 John 1:4

Obedience Is Love:

John 13:34-35

1 John 2:7.

Is It Possible To Command To Love?

1 John 4:7-8

2 John 1:6

Love Is Obedience: And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

John 14:15

1 John 2:3-4

1 John 4:20-21

2. Verses 7-11 – Opponents of the Truth:

2 John 1:7

Many Opponents: For many deceivers

1 John 4:1

Matt 24:5

2 Peter 2:2

Mark 6:7

Just as the apostles were sent out into the world to bring salvation, these have gone out to bring deception.

1 John 2:19

Acts 20:30

Jude 1:4

Doctrine of The Opponents:

1. They denied the incarnation of Jesus, that God came in flesh: 1 John 4:2
2. They denied deity of Jesus Christ: 1 John 2:23
3. They deny that Jesus Christ is the sinless Son of God who lived a perfect and righteous life: 1 John 3:5
4. They deny the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ: 1 Cor 15
5. They deny the Lordship of Jesus Christ: Acts 2:36
6. They deny the return of Jesus Christ to earth: 2 Thess 1:7-10

Character Of The Opponents:

deceiver – literally describes “teaching false doctrine, also includes leading people into wrong living.” (Words and Actions)

antichrist - Greek prefix anti - means both “instead of Christ” and “against Christ”

“instead of Christ” They give their converts a “substitute Christ” who is not the Christ of the Christian faith.

“against Christ” These teachers are against Christ - because they deny that Jesus is indeed God come in the flesh (1 John 4:1-6).

2 John 1:8

Watch Yourself: Watch yourselves; Look to yourselves means “Beware!; Take heed!”

2 Cor 13:5-6

“Do not lose the things we accomplished”

Gal 4:11

Phil 2:16

2 John 1:9

Truth Is The Scriptures: Anyone who goes too far (Transgress) means “to run ahead too far, to pass beyond the assigned limits.”

Literally “Goes ahead”; a Gnostic thinking is that of going ahead of the group, not being content by walking by faith.

1 Cor 4:6

But if our “learning” leads us away from the fundamental doctrines of the person and work of Jesus Christ, then we are on dangerous ground.

“To Advance Beyond Christ Is Not Progress, But Apostasy!”

2 Tim. 3:16

They are profitable for teaching (doctrine) (what is right)

For reproof (what is not right)

For correction (how to get right)

For instruction in righteousness (how to stay right)

John 5:22-23

2 John 1:10

Acts 17:11

Do Not Receive A Deceiver: do not receive him into your house,

Do Not Compromise: 2 John 1:11

3. Verses 12-13 – Learning the Truth:

2 John 1:12

Are we growing in Jesus Christ? Having many things to write to you,

James 4:13-16

and speak face to face; Literally “mouth to mouth”; we would say,
“Eyeball to eyeball”; Face to face encounter.

2 John 1:13

Application:

1. Obedience to the Truth: “Obedience without love becomes drudgery; Love without Obedience becomes unreal: Obedience and Love cannot flourish outside the realm of Truth.”
2. Opponents of the Truth: But if our “learning” leads us away from the fundamental doctrines of the person and work of Jesus Christ, then we are on dangerous ground. “To Advance Beyond Christ Is Not Progress, But Apostasy!”
3. Learning the Truth: John said, “Having many things to write to you.” Are we growing in Jesus Christ? John said, “That your joy may be made full.” The greater the knowledge of the truth the greater the joy will be in ones life.