

The reason for the Apostle John's first letter was to provide proof that you have eternal life by supernatural and practical evidence in your life (1 John 5:13). The purpose of his second epistle is to establish the boundary for our interactions with people and our actions in this world which is the _____ of God (v. 2; Prov. 23:23). Historically, John's home church was in Ephesus in modern Turkey (*pastored by Timothy at some point*). John wrote this letter to a lady who was very special to him and the church. God chose to preserve these truths, the truths of God, which were penned to her then, for us now, and forever.

INTRODUCTION TO 2 JOHN

1. The Uniqueness of 2 John

- While 1 John was written to a general audience as a general New Testament epistle, 2 John is a specific letter written to an _____ lady and her family (*also a general epistle*) – v. 1, 13.
- Election simply means someone is chosen because they are _____ – Is. 42:1-3, 45:1-4; Matt. 24:22, 24, 31; Rom. 11:5, 7, 28; 8:38; Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:1-4, 5:21.

_____ is elect of God (John 1:14, 18) =

_____ is elect of God (Gen. 12:1-3, 15:1-6; Rom. 4:3) =

The _____ is elect of God (Acts 20:28) =

Certain _____ are elect of God (Jude 1:6; 2 Pet. 2:4; Rev. 12:7) =

Who is this elect lady and _____? (v. 13; John 19:26-27; Matt. 13:55-56; Luke 1:28-31) =

- History records that as an elder member of the Ephesian church John had notable _____ in his lineage: Polycarp (*pastor - Smyrna*), Papias (*pastor - Hierapolis*), and Ignatius (*pastor - Antioch*).
- 2 John is the shortest book (*by English verses*) in the entire Bible and the only book in the Bible written directly to a _____ – v. 12.
- Key Words/Phrases/Concepts that provide a simple outline of 2 John:

v. 1-2	_____	v. 7	Christ and deception (_____)
v. 3	Truth and Love	v. 8-9	Doctrine...Abiding... _____
v. 4	Walking in Truth	v. 10-11	False Doctrine and Communing
v. 5-6	Love and Commandment	v. 12-13	Face to Face...Full of _____

- The two **most repeated words** in 2 John are _____ and _____ (5X each).

2. John's Introduction and Theme: "*For the Truth's Sake*" – v. 1-4; Prov. 22:20-21

- Love in the **truth** – v. 1; 1 John 4:6.
- The **truth** is in us and with us _____ – v. 2; Ps. 125:1; 1 Pet. 1:23.
- More **truth** and love from God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son – v. 3; Luke 6:37-38; Rev. 22:21.

Grace =

Mercy =

Peace =

- _____ in **truth** – v. 4; Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10.