

As we finish this short letter, how would you respond to verse 10 if this happened to you?

Thinking of this letter as a whole, What would you title this letter as? (Main theme)

Are there other themes in this letter? What are they?

Summarize how John feels about this lady and her children

Deeper in God Bible Study Inductive Study Worksheet

2 John

The Apostle Paul stated *Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall (1 Cor 10.12)* which would be a good subtitle for this epistle. This letter is short but to the point.

The scholars are in agreement that it is the Apostle John who is the author of both the 2 and 3 John epistles.

It seems that this epistle and the following one, 3 John, were so short that they were not often quoted from until much later.

Second John mentions “the elect lady and her children” which has been a discussion point among scholars as some believed it was a specific woman and her family while others believed it to be a local church. Who do you think this is?

The timing of 2 John is approximately 90 AD, when John sat down to write another letter to “his children”. While this letter is short, it is absolutely necessary for us today.

2 John

As you study 2 John, read it entirely as there are only 12 verses.

1. Mark the Author and Recipients as you read it a second time.
2. Mark the keywords distinctly throughout, one keyword at a time. Read the whole text each time you search for a keyword.
3. Complete the sections on the following pages.

Author:

Recipients:

Keywords:

Abide(s)	Commandments	Deceiver
Doctrine	Love	Teaching
Truth	Walk	

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As you think about the word “abide”, who or what are we to abide in? What are the verses that support your answer?

Again, thinking of the word “abide”, who should we not abide with? What are the verses that support your answer?

Do you know of anyone who would fit the description of not abiding in the teaching of Christ? What should you do?

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