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The Book of Second John

An Overview

The book of 2 John places great importance on the saints unity, fellowship, and love among each other. These relationships are only fully realized through a united knowledge, understanding, and common abiding in truth. The truth is the “*gospel of our salvation*” (Ephesians 1:13). The results of walking in truth is joy and peace. This joy and peace exist between the faithful and God and the faithful and others who strive to please God in this life (2 John 1:3-4). The apostle John brought these points out to the “*elect lady*” to whom this epistle is addressed. John issues a warning to the elect lady and all of us today saying, “*Look to yourselves, that ye loose not the things which we have wrought but that ye receive a full reward*” (2 John 8). Love and abiding in truth will bring great spiritual success now and forevermore.

John warns the “*elect lady*” that many false teachers had gone forth in the world (2 John 1:7). These men and women (“*whosoever*” - 2 John 9) had the capacity to deceive the saints and cause them to loose their mutual fellowship, unity, love, and eternal soul. The elect lady is warned to be on guard against these teachers (2 John 1:8). A test is given at 2 John 9 that resembles the test of 1 John 3:10; 4:6. Those who do not abide in the teachings of Jesus Christ have no part in fellowship with God or brethren (2 John 1:9). John warned the elect lady not to be receptive to nor support anyone who would bring other doctrines before her. John concluded the letter by expressing his earnest desire to see her face to face.

A brief overview helps us to understand the events during the days 2 John was written. There continued to be men and women

Local News:

Welcome to all our visitors:

We pray that you will be edified by our worship service and that you will ask questions if things are not as you are accustomed to seeing. Please do come back at your every opportunity!

Our prayers go out to **Glenna Merritt** and her family. Glenna's father passed away last week. He was 93 years old.

Pat Robertson had some test run on her heart this past Tuesday. No concrete results back yet; however, the doctor did tell her that it did not look like there were clogged arteries.

Brandon Witherspoon had surgery on his nose last Thursday. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Shut-ins:

Stella Davidson will remain at the Texhoma Christian Care Center for rehabilitation for several weeks. **Stella has asked that we not visit her at this time.** She fell and broke her femur bone and is experiencing a lot of pain. If you would like to mail her a card she is in room 1807.

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who went about preaching doctrines of men and leading astray many brethren. The unity, fellowship, and love of the church was threatened then and now by these deceivers. John's plea, to his beloved elect lady in the truth, was to know God's word so that she would be able to distinguish the "*spirit of error from the spirit of truth*" (see 1 John 4:6). To give those in error an ear is to make oneself susceptible to falling from the grace of God to another doctrine (see Galatians 1:6-7). The battle for souls was waged then and now. Let us expose and never give place to false teachers for the sake of our own eternal soul, their soul, and the souls of others who may be swayed by their erring doctrines (Ephesians 5:11).

John P Robertson

"Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments"

Psalms 119:73

New Bible Class for Next Sunday

The Books of

Ephesians

Galatians

Philippians

Colossians

Be sure to pick up study questions in foyer. The more you put into a Bible study the more you will get out of it!

Jesus, The Son of God

Bible Correspondence Course # 5

Introduction:

The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a testament revealing prophecy of the coming of Jesus, his birth into this world, his life, death, resurrection, ascension, and reign as king of his kingdom. The purpose of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus is summed up by Matthew, “*And she (Mary) shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins*” (1:21). Again, the apostle Paul stated, “*Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God*” (Romans 5:1-3). God's expectation of man has always been absolute sinless perfection and such a state can only be met by man through Christ.

Lesson 5 of the correspondence course shall focus on Jesus. The Bible tells us that Jesus “*died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures*” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Do you (the reader) believe this statement to be true? Examination of this fact will prove to be the most profitable study that you will ever conduct.

Let us examine Jesus, for the purpose of this lesson, in eight areas:

1. What do skeptics have to say about Jesus?
2. Jesus testifies that he is the Son of God.
3. Jesus the Son of God in prophecy.
4. Jesus' resurrection proves him to be the Messiah.
5. The NT attests to Jesus Christ being the Son of God.
6. The deity of Jesus.
7. The humanity of Jesus.
8. The authority of Christ
9. Jesus' preaching
10. What does Jesus have to offer?

Conclusion:

There are three grand and incomparable benefits to receiving Jesus. First, Jesus offers forgiveness of sins. Secondly, Jesus offers citizenship in the kingdom of God (his church). Thirdly, Jesus offers an eternal home in heaven with God the Father. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?