



First Epistle of John

2 John 10-13 - False Teachers Part 2

- Summary of *2 John 7-9 - False Teachers Part 1*
 - *Deceivers who do not confess Jesus Christ who has come in the flesh are about us, beware!*
 - *Our reward which is eternal relates to abiding in the doctrine (biblical teaching) of the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- ***2 John 10 - If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;***
 - *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine*
 - *If anyone comes is 1st class conditional and indicative mood – they will come!*
 - *What doctrine?*
 - *How do we know?*
 - ***do not receive him into your house nor greet him;***
 - *receive needs no further explanation and is imperative!*
 - *Wow, doesn't this sound extreme, in your house or even greeting him?*
 - *him is autos and can be interpreted as him, her or them*



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- JFB – ‘This is not said of those who were always aliens from the Church, but of those who wish to be esteemed brethren, and subvert the true doctrine. The greeting salutation forbidden in the case of such a one is that usual among Christian brethren in those days, not a mere formality, but a token of ‘Christian’ brotherhood.’

- » *John 13:20 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.**”*
- » *Rom 16:17,18 - Now I urge you, brethren, **note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine** which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own belly, **and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.***
- » *2 Tim 3:5,6 - **having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!** For of this sort are those who **creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by lusts,***

- **2 John 11 - for he who greets him (God speed) shares (or is a partaker) in his evil deeds.**

– Why should this be?

- The Greek of *partaker* is *having communion with*, and we cannot have communion with saints and with Antichrist at the same time.

- » *1 Tim 5:22 - Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, **nor share in other people’s sins; keep yourself pure.***



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- » *Eph 5:11 - And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*
- And think back, churches then often met in people's homes.
 - » *Rom 16:5 - Likewise **greet the church that is in their house**. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.*
 - » *Col 4:15 - Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and **the church that is in her house**.*
- But then what about opening our homes and/or having relationships with the unsaved which could lead to sharing the Lord?
- ***2 John 12 - Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.***
 - Does this in anyway remind you of the Gospel of John?
 - » *John 16:12 - I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.*
 - » *John 21:25 - And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.*



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- And don't we prefer to be *face to face* rather than on Zoom?
 - *face to face* is literally *mouth to mouth*.
 - » Num 12:8 – “*I speak with him mouth to mouth, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?*”
 - Robertson – ‘The *chartes* was a leaf of papyrus prepared for writing by cutting the pith into strips and pasting together, old word, here only in N.T.; and for black ink.’
 - However, don't you think that John's letter reveals the power, purity, and love of the church?
 - And why was this important to John?
 - » 1 John 1:4 - *And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*
- ***2 John 13 - The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.***
 - *The children – teknon*
 - Are these her *children* or those of the body?
 - *of your elect sister greet you*
 - More evidence of a female believer, not a body (church).



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- But Alford disagrees:
 - ‘Alford confesses that the non-mention of the “lady” herself here seems rather to favor the hypothesis that a *Church* is meant.’
- And then there’s Robertson:
 - ‘Apparently children of a deceased sister of the lady of *2 John 1:1* who lived in Ephesus and whom John knew as members of his church there.
- *Amen*
 - Vine – ‘at the end - so it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled. It was a custom, which passed over from the synagogues to the Christian assemblies, that when he who had read or discoursed, had offered up solemn prayer to God, the others responded Amen, and thus made the substance of what was uttered their own.’