



First Epistle of John

2 John 7-9 - False Teachers Part 1

– Summary of *2 John 5,6 – Love and Obedience*

- In addressing the *lady*, who may have been approached by those who were attempting to deceive her, John reminds us that we are to *love one another*.
- *Love is walking/ keeping His commandments*, and how do we do this.
 - » *Col 2:6,7 - As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving.*

• *2 John 7 - For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

– Describe a *deceiver* and those who surround us today.

- And they can be obvious or covert.
 - » *2 Cor 6:8 - by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;*
 - » *1 Tim 4:1 - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

– *have gone out into the world* – and there were *many* who were already out there.



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» *2 Peter 2:1 - But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.*

– who do not confess Jesus Christ is come in the flesh

- *confess (present active) - to declare openly, speak out freely*
 - What about those who do not speak out freely?
- And notice, despite the recent history of John's personal experience and reports that many have witnessed, they deny the existence of the true Son of Man and Son of God.

» *John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

» *John 1:51 - And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”*

» *John 1:34 - “And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”*

– This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

- So, can we always equate a *deceiver* to an *antichrist*?
 - » *1 John 2:22 - Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.*
 - » *1 John 2:18 - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.*



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- *1 John 8 - Look to yourselves, that you do not lose those things we worked for, but that you may receive a full reward.*
 - *Look (imperative) to yourselves* – right now and not to anyone else and why?
 - » *Matt 24:4,5 - And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.*
 - » *Heb 12:15 - looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*
 - » *Phil 3:2 - Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!*
 - » *Rev 3:11 - I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.*
 - *that you do not lose (subjunctive) those things we worked for (aorist indicative).*
 - *Who is we and what things were worked for?*
 - *John, Paul, Peter, etc.?*
 - » *Phil 3:16 - Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same.*



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- » *1 Peter 5: 8 - Be sober, be vigilant; your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*
- Perhaps ‘we’ has a broader interpretation?
 - *JF&B – ‘The we being seemingly the more difficult reading is less likely to have been a transcriber’s alteration. Look that ye lose not the believing state of “truth and love,” which WE (as God’s workmen).*
 - » *2 Cor 6:1 – We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*
 - » *2 Tim 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
 - *but that you may receive (subjunctive) a full reward.*
 - What kind of reward and why is it described as full?
 - » *John 4:38 - “And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows, and he who reaps may rejoice together.*
 - » *1 Cor 3:8 - Now he who plants, and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*
 - » *1 Cor 3:14 - If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*
 - *JF&B – ‘Of grace not of debt. Fully consummated glory.’*
 - *Bengel – ‘There is no half reward of the saints. It is either lost altogether or received in full; in full communion with God’.*
 - » *1 Cor 3:14 - If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*



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- *1 John 1:9 - Whoever goes ahead and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.*
 - *Whoever goes ahead or transgresses (present active) and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God.*
 - Don't you find interesting that someone who *goes ahead* and fails to *abide* is the same as *transgressor*?
 - » *Matt 15:2,3 - "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"*
 - » *John 15:6 - "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.*
 - What is *the doctrine of Christ*?
 - *Doctrine* is best interpreted as teaching, and here of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - *And now let's look at the alternative - He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.*



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- This really speaks to His teaching, doesn't it.
 - » *John 7:17 - If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.*
- And this also really speaks to the teaching of others about Him, doesn't it
 - » *Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
 - » *Heb 3:14 - For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,*
 - » *John 5:23 - "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*
 - » *1 John 2:23 – Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*
 - » *Titus 1:9 - holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.*