

**Impacting Messages
To The Church
From Individuals Who Care**

Lesson 2: A Message to the Chosen Lady (Part 1)

Text: 2 John

Introduction

1. The Great Mississippi River, a gentle giant – an unwieldy beast.
2. In many ways, **love** is like the Mississippi River.
 - a. It has life-giving power...without control, it can do great harm. Why?
 - b. When it comes to those we know (sinners), can we go too far? How?
3. This small letter of 2 John shows us **how** to keep love within safe boundaries by building in our lives two solid river banks – **Truth and discernment**.
 - a. This letter contains both _____ and a _____.
 - b. **See vv 9-10, 12**
 - c. What will happen if ones we love go outside the doctrine of Christ for religious matters? (see **Gal. 1:6-9, 5:1-4; Matt. 7:21-23**)
4. In our world today, there is a denominational system that is build on the false idea “that it doesn’t really matter what you believe or practice religiously.”
 - a. Does it matter to the writer John what people believe and practice religiously?
 - b. Do we have deceivers religiously in our world today like John did?
 - c. What do these false teachers do to the Bible?
 - d. What should we do to answer these false teachers?
5. If someone, a teacher of God’s word, knocks on your door, and you detect that what he is saying is false, what are some of the fundamentals of the faith you will teach him?

I. Introductory Questions (2 John 1:1-3)

A. Who is “The elder”? (v.1)

1. “**Elder**” is **presbuteros** in the Greek.
2. Who does this word elder represent? _____
3. The qualifications for elders (pastors, bishops, shepherds) are given in **I Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-9**
4. Is John identifying himself as an elder in v.1? (**I Cor. 9:5-6**)
5. How can we be sure that the author of this letter is John? (**see vs 4, 5, 6**) Why would he leave his name off?

B. Who is “the Chosen Lady”?

1. **Lady** is from the Greek word **kuria** (the feminine for “**Lord**”).
2. Many believe that this chosen lady represents Christians, or, the church. What do you believe? (**see vs 5, 10, 13**)

C. What's the Situation?

1. Who did the early Christians of that time depend on to provide God's revelation to build their faith?
2. How did they (this lady) treat these itinerant prophets and inspired teachers?
3. Were all of these teachers of God's word worthy of such warm hospitality?
4. Principle: _____
5. By the time that John wrote this bundle of letters, many were believers in the Greek philosophy of Dualism, which produced what doctrine being taught among Christians.
