

2 John

1. John refers to himself as “the elder.” Some take this to mean that he was the head of several churches. How do we know that this is not what he means?
 - a. In what sense is John likely using the phrase “the elder?”

2. Concerning the identity of “the elect lady” of verse 1:
 - a. Some say that “the lady” is the church. However, John says that the lady had “children.” Does a church exist apart from its members?
 - b. The word “children” is in the masculine gender. How does this affect our identification of “lady?”
 - c. How do verses 5, 8, 10 and 13 help us identify the elect lady?
 - d. Who was associated with the elect lady, and why were “some” of them commended by John? (v. 4)

3. As John did frequently in his first epistle, he again commands “love.” In 1 John 5:3 John defined love for God as “keeping His commandments.” In verse 6 of this epistle, how does John say that we “love one another”?

4. What error does John again discuss? (*cp. v. 7 with 1 John 4:2-3*)

- a. How were saints to protect themselves from this error?
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5. 2 John 9-11 is perhaps one of the most ignored and even despised passages in the New Testament - Why? What about it is so disturbing to so many people?
 - a. Some people have concluded that 2 John 9-11 is some type of Scripture anomaly — But list as many New Testament passages as you can think of that make similar points about fellowship:
 6. From 2 John 9-11, what do we learn about “fellowship?”
 7. What reason did John give for not writing a lengthy epistle?
 8. From verse 13, what more do we learn about “the elect lady” of verse 1?