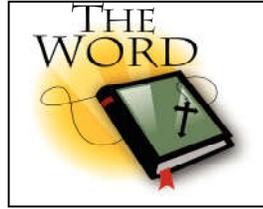


2ND JOHN 1:7-11



John now returns to the theme of his earlier letter. He is very concerned that people will believe the lie that Jesus was not who He said He was. Sadly this gnostic heresy is still being taught by some today.

⁷ Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what you've worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

Take note that John says the deceivers are denying Jesus Christ came in the flesh? When did He do that?

Notice also that he warns his readers that they could lose what they have worked for if they accept that lie. How so?

How might someone "run ahead" of the teaching of Christ?

Is John saying we shouldn't do anything nice for these false teachers? Explain your answer...

2ND JOHN 1:12-13

As John closes this letter, he indicates that he's cutting it short.

¹² I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. ¹³ The children of your chosen sister send their greetings.

John had earlier said that seeing people walk in truth gave him "great joy." What does he say here would also do that?

Who does he say sends greetings and who might he be referring to?

Points to Ponder

Why is this issue of Christ coming in the flesh such a critical one?

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that we are to bless our enemies and pray for them. Why shouldn't we do that for those who are antichrists?

Why would John want to see the recipients of his letter in person?

