

## Showing Hospitality 2nd John

-Closest Approximation in the NT to the conventional letter from the Roman World because it addresses from an individual to another.

-2nd and 3rd John are the smallest NT Letters and could fit on a single sheet of Papyrus.

-John refers to himself as "The Elder" which designates his old age or as an elder of a church.

-This letter was either written in Rome around 60-65 AD or in Ephesus around 85-95 AD.

-The core of this letter is to recognize false teachers as enemies and to show them no hospitality in our homes, churches, and lives.

**Hospitality-Titus 1:7-8; 1 Pet 4:9(Hospitality is the opposite of Hostile(Romans 8:7)**

### I. *The Basis of Christian Hospitality v.1-3; Romans 12:10-13*

A. We Must Love and Know the Truth v. 1; John 14:6

B. The Truth Must Abide in Us v.2-3; John 15:1-11; Colossians 3:16

### II. *The Behavior of Christian Hospitality v.4-6*

A. Walk in Truth v.4; Ephesians 4:15; 3rd John 4

B. Love One Another v. 5; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 1:22

C. Obey the Commandments v.6; John 14:15-17

### III. *The Boundaries of Christian Hospitality v.7-11*

A. There are Deceivers out in the World v.7; 1 Timothy 4:1-4

B. Watch Yourselves for the sake of the Reward v.8; Matthew 7:21-23; Philip 3:14; Galatians 5:22-23

C. Have Sound Doctrine v.9; Romans 16:17; Galatians 1:8-9; Titus 3:10

D. Do not Welcome False Teachers v.10-11

### IV. *The Blessings of Christian Hospitality v. 12-13; 1 John 1:4*

A. The Joy of Fellowship

B. The Joy of a Family

V.2-3

Matthew Henry

Grace is divine favor and goodwill

Mercy is Free pardon and forgiveness

Peace is tranquility of the soul

V.10-11

C. F. Hogg

"Nothing should be done to give the impression that the offense against Christ is a matter of no great moment, or to put the delinquent in the way of influencing others.

Truth-Delight in Truth(Psalm 51:6), The Lord Speaks Truth(Isaiah 45:9), Speak Truth to one another(Zechariah 8:16), The Truth will set you Free(John 8:32)

**1** The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, **2** because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

**3** Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

### **Walking in Truth and Love**

**4** I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. **5** And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. **6** And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. **7** For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. **8** Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we<sup>[a]</sup> have worked for, but may win a full reward. **9** Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. **10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, **11** for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

### **Final Greetings**

**12** Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

**13** The children of your elect sister greet you. **2nd John ESV**

**10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **Romans 12:10-13 ESV**

- A. *Paul walks through this list and ends with Hospitality*
- B. *Where does Paul and John get their basis for their understanding of Hospitality?*  
*Truth*

**6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6 ESV**

- A. *The Truth is Jesus Christ for he is the basis for our faith, conduct, and salvation.*
- B. *When we have Christ, the Truth Abides in us.*

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **John 15:1-11 ESV**

- A. *The word Abide is interchangeable with the word Remain, we cannot be loving and Hospitable to anyone whether a Brother or sister in Christ or unbeliever if the truth is not in us. It can't be just facts.*
- B. *John isn't telling this woman anything new to her, but he is opening with what she should know, why? Because it all starts with Christ.*

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Colossians 3:16 ESV**

- A. *The words of Christ must bring worship and understanding. This is the application of Faith in our hospitality.*

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **Ephesians 4:15 ESV**

- A. *We can know the truth, but it must impact our behavior. Christ is the Example. When you walk in Truth-You Grow in Christ.*

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. **3 John 4**

- A. *Walking in Truth Produces Joy and we should desire to share this joy with our fellowship. It will even drive us to share the Gospel. Hospitality isn't how we just welcome people into our homes, it is about how we love.*

**34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13:34-35 ESV**

- A. *People should know us as Christians by how we love other believers. Our love for one another in church, in marriage, in child rearing should look different and foreign to an unbeliever.*

**22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **1 Peter 1:22 ESV**

- A. *Never stop caring for one another and for each other's needs.*
- B. *Fervently-sincere*

**15** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,<sup>[a]</sup> to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be<sup>[b]</sup> in you. **John 14:15-17 ESV**

- A. *We obey the Word. The astounding thing about obedience is that we have the holy spirit who works in us to love Christ as we grow. If we love Christ, we love to keep his commandments. The Holy Spirit guides us to do this. We are not alone in this, God is shaping us to do this and when we are obedient-We are brought to the end of ourselves and we will serve God and others.*

**4** Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, **2** through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, **3** who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. **4** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **1 Timothy 4:1-4 ESV**

- A. *There are those who say they are of God, but they do not act like it or they preach a false Gospel. These people are driven to make you abandon your faith.*

*B. They say what our flesh wants to hear, they will even speak in Half truths, they may know scripture, and they may even be in a church, but they are deceptive liars and they spew a Gospel of destruction.*

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' **Matthew 7:21-23 ESV**

*A. Let this sink in, we do not welcome deceit, for the sake of the Reward! To fall into a mistaken view of Christ will easily lead you to miss the Glory of Heaven*

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:14 ESV**

*A. Reject their offers and share the Gospel, but they are not your friend. Don't Listen and Press on toward Christ.*

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. **Romans 16:17 ESV**

*A. When we know the Gospel, we know who the deceivers are, we Guard against.*

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23 ESV**

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. **Galatians 1:8-9 ESV**

*A. Even if an angel comes to you and preaches a false Gospel- Turn Away*

10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, **Titus 3:10 ESV**

4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. **1 John 1:4 ESV**