

The Second Epistle of John

1 The elder unto *the* elect ¹lady and her children, whom I love in *the* truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; 2 for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us ²for ever: 3 Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God *the* Father, and from ³Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoice greatly that I have found *certain* of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though a new commandment wrote I to thee, but that which we had from *the* beginning, that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from *the* beginning, that ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, *even* they that confess not Jesus Christ coming in *the* flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that ⁴ye ⁵lose not *the* things which ⁶we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever ⁷goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching,⁸ the same hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into *your* house, and ⁹give him no greeting: 11 for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.

¹ Or, Cyria, *And in* vs. 5.

² Gk. unto the age:

³ So BAΨ 0232 1739 1852 1243 322 048 cop^{sa} (vg).
2344 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., (cop^{bo})
arm read from *the* Lord Jesus Christ, ℵ* 1881
read *the* Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ ye ... ye So BA(ℵ)Ψ 0232^{vid} 1739 1852 1881 1241
(1243) 2344 (33) 322 and 73 lesser Gk. mss., cop vg
arm. 403 lesser Gk. mss. read we ... we

⁵ Or, destroy

⁶ So B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. But AℵΨ
0232^{vid} 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{bo}
vg arm read ye have wrought,

⁷ Or, goeth ahead or, taketh the lead (Cf. 3Jo 9.)
So BAℵ 0232 2344 alone, cop vg. But Ψ 1739
1852 1881 1241 1243 33 322 and 489 lesser Gk. mss.
read transgresseth

⁸ 2298 1735 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{bo}
add of Christ

⁹ Or possibly, give him no greeting to take along as an
introduction to others: Compare Ac 15:23.
Lit. Do not ye tell him to rejoice.

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write *them* with paper and ink: but ¹⁰I hope to be with you, and to speak face to face, that ¹¹your joy may be made full. 13 The children of thine elect sister salute thee.¹²

End of the Second Epistle of John

¹⁰ So BAℵΨ (1739) 1852 1881 1243 2344 33 322 vg.
A majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa} read I hope to
come unto you,

¹¹ So BA 1739 1881 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{bo} vg. But
ℵΨ 1852 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm
read our joy cop^{sa} alone reads my joy

¹² So BAℵΨ 1739 1881 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{sa,bo} vg.
1852 and 451 lesser Gk. mss., arm add Amen.