

2 John & 3 John Handout

Walking in Love- what do we do now? What is the application?
Imitating What is Good (sharing the love)- How can I apply this to my life?

WALKING IN LOVE

To Whom: 2 John was written to, “the elect lady”, who was most likely
The Church.

Who is “The Church”?

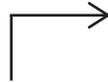
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Theme: Living in the love of God in accordance with the truth of Jesus.

Why: This letter was a plea to show love for God and His Son by obeying the commandment to love each other and live their lives in obedience to scripture.

We are connected, as Christians, by TRUTH!

truth



(we walk) **peripateo** in Greek: a. to make ones way, progress; to make due use of opportunities b. Hebrew for, to live. To regulate ones life, to conduct oneself.

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.

2 John 1:6

“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are to also love one another.”

John 13:34

Know the *truth*:

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

The CSB version says, "if you continue in my word"

Accept God's Word as truth, all of it, not parts.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, **but only God who gives the growth.** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

God is who provides the growth.

IMITATING WHAT IS GOOD

Sharing the Love

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

3 John 1:2



Beloved: Christians, bound together by mutual love, are agapétos also to one another

Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these things.

1 Timothy 6:2

John wanted The Church to work on 3 things:

1. Improving their knowledge of God
2. Loving God, and loving people
3. Heighten their devotional intensity to the Lord

Finally, John warns against idols.

What am I putting before the Lord?

When will I make time for the Lord?

With whom will I share the Lord?

How can I put 1, 2, 3. John into practice in order to transform lives with the truth of Jesus?

16 For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)