

**“Truth”**  
(#17 in the “*Epistles Of John*” series)

II John 1-6

Background Information (II John 1a)

*(Use this open space to take your own notes on the background information.)*

- I. A \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth (II John 1b-3)
- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth-based love (vs. 1b)  
(I John 3:18 – “***My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.***”)
- i. Not only did John love them, but he also mentions that every other believer who knew them loved them as well! She had a wonderful, far-reaching Christian \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth-based love (vs. 2)
- i. Here John shares the basis of his love and respect for this lady and her family: *the truth*. (i.e. *God and His Word; the \_\_\_\_\_*)  
(John 17:17 – “***Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.***”)
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth-based love (vs. 3)
- i. “*Grace*”: undeserved/unmerited  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God (i.e. *our salvation- we didn’t deserve it, yet God provided it*)

- ii. “*Mercy*”: \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_; desire to meet someone’s needs (i.e. *again, our salvation- God saw our need for salvation and, in mercy, withheld His judgment and made a way whereby we could have it*)
- iii. “*Peace*”: \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. *yet again, our salvation- we have “peace WITH God”- assurance that we are saved from Hell*) (Romans 5:1 – “***Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:***”)

- II. An \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth (II John 4-6)
- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ at a truth-based testimony (vs. 4)  
(III John 4 – “***I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.***”)
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ to a truth-based testimony (vs. 5)
- i. John \_\_\_\_\_ her to be obedient in something.
- ii. He reminds her that the request he is about to make is actually an \_\_\_\_\_ command given by God Himself from the beginning.
- iii. John now reminds her that she needs to \_\_\_\_\_ to show love for the brethren- no matter what! (John 15:12, 17 – “***12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you... 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.***”)
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a truth-based testimony (vs. 6)
- i. John reminds her that we show/exemplify our love for our Lord by living in \_\_\_\_\_ to His truth. (John 14:15 – “***If ye love me, keep my commandments.***”)