

Sermon Notes

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THE FOUNDATION OF TRUTH 2 John 4-11 (ESV)

A. Walking in Truth (vv. 4-6)

B. Protecting the Truth (vv. 7-11)

8 Warning Signs of a False Teaching

- Rejects historical Christianity
- Denies one of the major doctrines of the faith
- Has a new authority (revelation)
- Has an authoritative founder (a prophet with a new message)
- Requires special things from followers
- Has a book equal to, or above, the Bible
- Experience over doctrine
- Salvation by works

2 John 4-11 (ESV)

⁴I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. ⁵And 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. ⁶And 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. ⁷For 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. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹Everyone 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. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.