

A Gentle Letter to an Elect Lady

Second John

Sunday October 01, 2023

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Greeting the Elect Lady

¹ The Elder,

To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth,

² because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

1 Peter 2:4 – 6

The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

- ⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious,
- ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,
“Behold, I lay in Zion
A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

Isaiah 42:1

The Servant of the LORD

- ¹ “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.



- **The Elder**

- Greek  presbuteros

- **By AD 92 John is a centenarian**

- **The Elect Lady:**

- Possibility 1:

- Local Church

- Possibility 2:

- The Universal Church

- Possibility 3:

- A Woman With Whom John
is Acquainted



Because of Truth:

Greek



alétheia



Grace: Greek → charis

Mercy: Greek → eleos

Peace: Greek → eiréné

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Walk in Christ's Commandments

- ⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.
- ⁵ And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.
- ⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

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Children walking about
in truth

Greek → peripateó

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Love one another

Greek → agapé as
opposed to philos or
éros

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Love as walking
in His
commandments

Orthodoxy as
love

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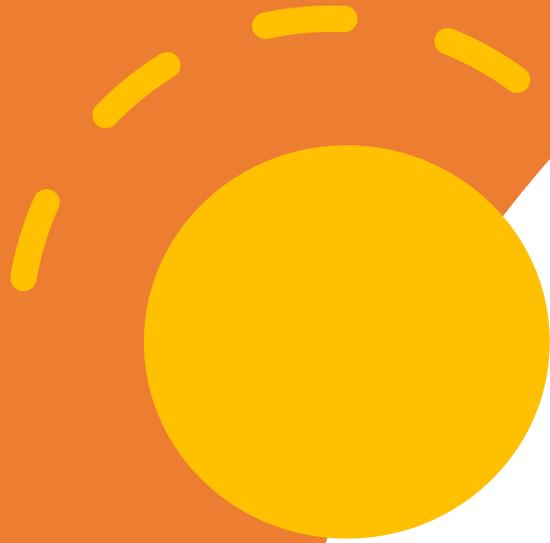
Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

- 7** For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
- 8** Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.
- 9** Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.
- 10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;
- 11** for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.



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*Deceivers question the
Incarnation*



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Outside doctrine (teaching about)
Christ is transgression

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- Nothing to encourage heterodoxy

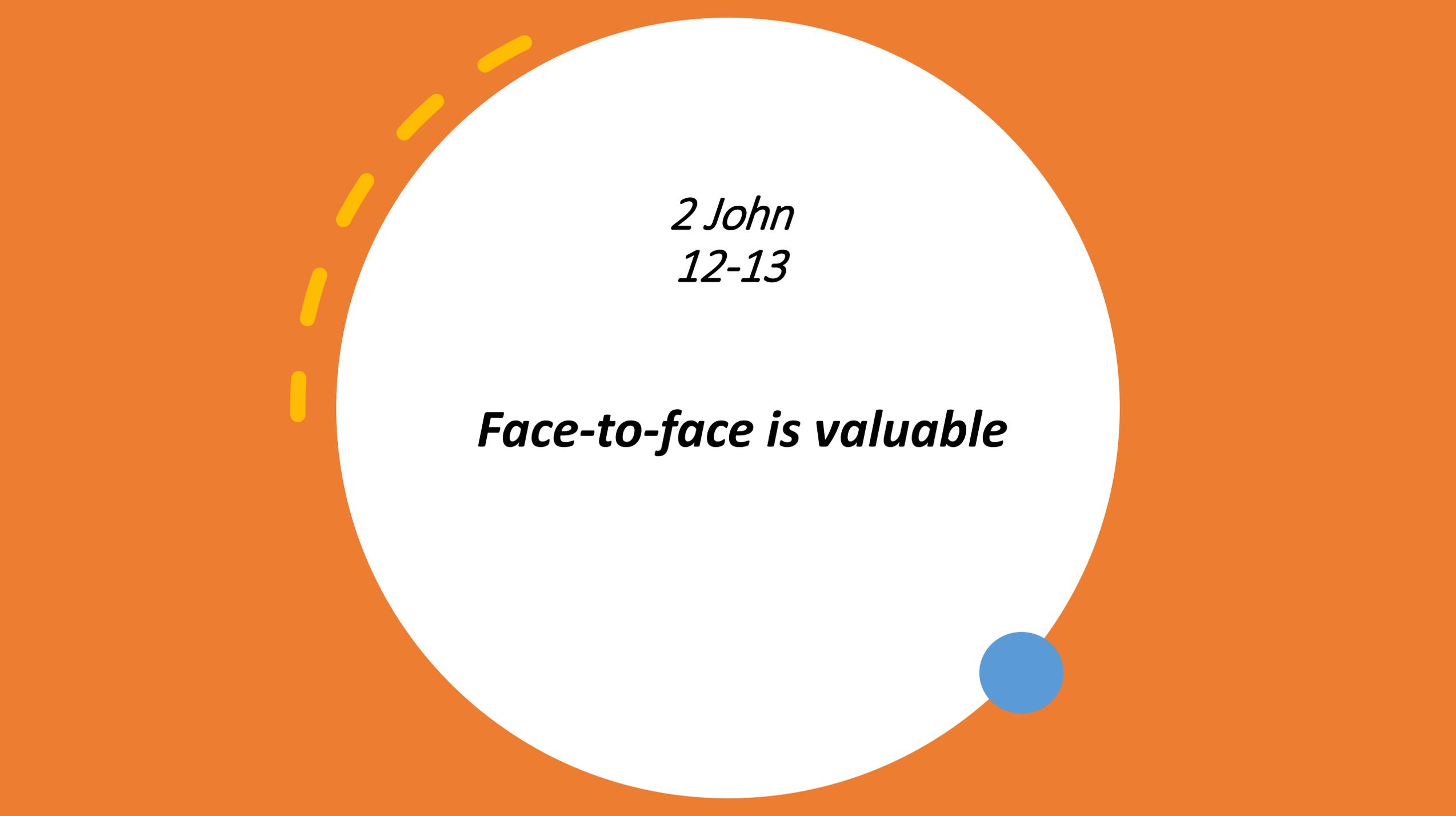
Greet → Greek → chairó

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John's Farewell Greeting

- 12** Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.
- 13** The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.



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Face-to-face is valuable

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- Children of elect sister
(John's church)
send greeting