





2 JOHN

# 2<sup>nd</sup> John

The church is often referred to as a woman –  
Jn 3:29, Rev 22:17



*“The elder to the chosen lady and her children”*



This is John. By this time, John was a very old man.

The word ‘chosen’ comes from the same root as ‘church’

*Though it is possible that John wrote this letter to an **individual** woman, it is also quite likely that this was written to a **congregation**.*

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## KEY WORDS

- **Truth** occurs **FIVE** times
- **Love** occurs **FOUR** times
- **Commandment** occurs **FOUR** times
- **Teaching** occurs **THREE** times
- **Walk** occurs **THREE** times

*This short letter is written by John to encourage those he loves to continue to walk in truth and to remind them that the commandments of God are love.*

A stylized teal feather graphic is centered on a dark teal background. The feather is oriented diagonally from the bottom-left to the top-right. Overlaid on the middle of the feather is the text "3 JOHN" in a light orange, serif font. The number "3" is positioned to the left of the word "JOHN".

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What do you do when things  
aren't *stable* in the church?

**EPHESUS** - “that you cannot tolerate evil men”

**PERGAMUM** – “you have some who hold the teaching of Balaam”

**THYATIRA** – “you tolerate the woman Jezebel”

**SARDIS** – “you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments”

What would *you* do if you were in one of these churches?

This is what poor Gaius' life was like right now!

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## What do you tell a Gaius?

- Gaius wasn't strong enough to stop **Diotrephes** on his own
- But he was strong enough to support good men like **Demetrius**
- And he was strong enough to hold to the truth until **John** came

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.  
(Matthew 10:42)

Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.  
(Rev 3:4)

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Rev 3:8)