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STUDY GUIDE



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SCRIPTURE READING:

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. This extremely short letter was written by the apostle John. It is addressed to the select "*Cyria*" (lady) and her children.
- B. John refers to himself as "the elder."
- C. John requests that *Cyria* honor the commandment that the believers were given from the beginning--love one another.
- D. He warns of deceivers who deny that Jesus is the Christ.
- E. He closes the letter, expressing his intention to visit them and to speak with them in person.

II. CHAPTER ONE

- A. John refers to himself as "the elder," which means older or senior. He may be referring to either his spiritual status or his age. (II John 1)
- B. The content of this letter is directed toward an individual and her children. The Greek word *Cyria* means "lady." This greeting may be identifying the person by name, or it may be honoring her as a lady. (II John 1)
- C. John states that he truly loves this lady and her children. Not only does he love them, but also all those who know the truth love them as well. (II John 1)
- D. Through John's comment, we learn that the truth that abides in the believer will be with him forever. (II John 2)
- E. To this lady and her children, John extends grace, compassion, and peace in truth and love. These come from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Son of the Father. (II John 3)

- F. John states, "I greatly rejoiced because I found your children abiding in truth, just as we received the command from the Father." (II John 4)
- G. John submits his desired request to *Cyria* (lady): love one another. This command from God was not a new one; they had received this instruction from the very beginning. (II John 5)
- H. John defines love as "living according to God's command." This command to love one another was given unto them at the beginning with the expectation that they abide by it. (II John 6)
- I. Many impostors have infiltrated the world. They will not confess that Jesus Christ has come in flesh. These imposters are deceivers and antichrist. (II John 7)
- J. Watch so that you do not lose that for which you have labored; receive your complete reward. (II John 8)
- K. Anyone who violates God's command and does not abide in the instruction of Christ does not have God. He who remains in the instruction of Christ has both the Father and the Son. (II John 9)
- L. If anyone comes to you and does not bring the doctrine of Christ, do not invite him into your home or say to him, "Be well." (II John 10)
- M. One who wishes him well shares in his evil deeds. (II John 11)
- N. Although John had much to write, he was expecting to make a personal visit to the recipients of his letter and talk with them face-to-face. This personal visit would bring delight to all concerned. (II John 12)
- O. John sends greetings to *Cyria's* select sister. (II John 13)

III. SUMMARY

- A. This letter is addressed to the select "*Cyria*" (lady) and her children.
- B. The truth that abides in the believer will be with him forever.
- C. John defines love as "living according to God's command."

- D. Many impostors have infiltrated the world. They will not confess that Jesus Christ has come in flesh.
- E. If anyone comes to you and does not bring the doctrine of Christ, do not invite him into your home or say to him, "Be well."

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. This short letter conveys a powerful truth about love: Love is active, not passive. Love demonstrates.
- B. The world is saturated with impostors; therefore, it is imperative that believers be attentive to the Spirit to avoid being deceived.
- C. As believers, we must refuse to associate with those who do not believe that Jesus Christ came to earth in a physical body.
- D. We are to love fellow-believers, but we must never compromise the integrity of Jesus.