



Protecting the Truth

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TODAY'S READING: 2 John

John wrote his second letter to “the chosen lady and her children.” He might have meant either a Christian mother and her children or a church and its members. I support the latter interpretation. In verses 7-11, erroneous teaching was growing in the church. The false teachers regarded Jesus as something other than God’s Anointed One who had come as fully God and fully man and is now in a glorified human body. These teachers were deceivers and were opposed to Christ.

In John’s day, philosophers and teachers often relied on the people to whom they spoke to for lodging and financial assistance. John instructed his readers to refuse to help the false teachers and to not even give verbal encouragement to these deceivers. Showing hospitality to heretics helps propagate their error and gives credibility to their teaching. Our generation is tolerant of all false teachings. But as Christians, we must be intolerant of false teachings as we live for Christ. Biblically, love has its limits. It is not an act of love to extend hospitality to false teachers. We must not approve or encourage their work, but instead, we must show concern for their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We live in a day when almost anything is good enough when it comes to truth. Anything is not good enough and almost is not close enough. The person and work of Jesus Christ is the standard for measuring everything that matters to God. We can detect today’s false teachers by what someone says about Christ. Antichristian teaching essentially is teaching which denies the deity of Christ and His true humanity. False teachers and teachings cannot be tolerated. We must stand for truth. We must be both proclaimers of God’s truth and protectors of God’s truth.

PRAYER: Lord, Your Word reminds us of the importance of knowing what we believe, not for the sake of winning an argument, but for the sake of walking with You in truth. Lord, help me, through the Holy Spirit, walk daily in Your truth.

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