For the sake of the Truth. 2 John

INTRODUCTION

I. The truth.

A. For the sake of the truth.

1. Truth by definition: "the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter."

2. Defined in scripture:

As the gospel - Galatians 2:4-5, Romans 15:7-13

God's creation, displaying His attributes, who He is, His glory, His incorruptibility - **Romans** 1:18-25

Christ Himself - John 14:6

God's word - John 17:17

The Holy Spirit - John 14:16-17

The teachings of the apostles, handed to them from Christ - Ephesians 4:17-24

B. Jesus Christ is God.

- 1. The gift of salvation, grace, mercy, and peace, is from both the _____ and ____
- 2. He uses the name: ______.
- 3. He identifies Jesus Christ as the ______.

_____.

II. The Commandment.

A. Love one another.

1. John asks.

2. He includes himself, we have had, we love, not just you.

3. This is not a "new" commandment.

B. Love equals obedience.

- 1. Love defined is to ______.
- 2. Love motivates us to ______.

John 14:15 John 14:21 John 14:23 1 John 2:5-6 1 Peter 1:22

III. The Warning.

- A. The deceivers.
- B. The response.

APPLICATION

- 1. First we must walk in the truth.
- 2. Secondly, our motivation for that, the character with which we do that must be love.
- 3. Thirdly, when we encounter false teachers, we must not be found supporting them in any way.

So let us walk in truth, motivated by love, being ever watchful that we will not lose our reward.