

Rejoicing in the Truth

2 John

1. In the midst of division and opposition, the Apostle John maintains a disposition of joy. (v1-4)
 - A. John's joy derives from the truth and knowing that others are walking in truth.
 - B. We strive to study, teach, defend, and proclaim the truth - but do we *rejoice* in truth?
2. Exposition of 2 John:
 - A. The theme is similar to 1 John - a letter encouraging believers to stand strong in truth in the face of false teaching.
 - B. Who is the "elect lady and her children?"
 - C. John gives praise as well as a stern warning.
 - D. To what extent should contact with unbelievers be limited, according to verse 10?
 - E. The content of the truth is the gospel, specifically the person of Christ and a believer's manner of living.
3. Those who claim the truth still sometimes mishandle the truth, and fail to rejoice in it.
 - A. Neglecting the Truth
 - B. Presuming on the Truth
 - C. Academizing the Truth
 - D. Abusing the Truth
4. The value of truth - and why we rejoice in it - from 2 John:
 - A. The truth is everlasting. (v2)
 - B. The truth protects. (v4-8)
 - C. The truth connects us to God. (v9-11)
 - D. The truth connects us to each other. (v1-3, 12-13)
5. Rejoice in the truth!
 - A. In all circumstances, the truth speaks to our hearts.
 - B. Rejoice when others walk in truth.
 - C. Maintain a disposition of joy in truth in the face of opposition.