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To The Elect Lady

The Main Point: Christians should walk in the truth they have received from the beginning and not aid in perpetuating anything different.

- Greeting the elect lady and her children (vss. 1-3)
- “some” of your children (vs. 4)
- The command to love; the love that obeys commands (vss. 5-6, cf. 1 Jn. 5:2-3)
- Warning against antichrists (vs. 7)
- Guard your reward! (vss. 8-9)
- (not) participating in wickedness (vss. 10-11)
- Final greetings (vss. 12-13)

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Practicing the Truth

- When association turns sinful
 - Sin: 1) direct action/participation 2) approval 3) accommodation
 - The controlling question: Relative to 1) **objective effects** and 2) **sober-minded inferences likely to be drawn**, is the action I am considering taking with this person (or group) likely to perpetuate falsehood/sin?