"ARE YOU A WALKING WITH GOD?"

Studies in II JOHN

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<u>Introduction</u>: In John's first epistle, he ponders the benefits of being a faithful child of God. In John's second epistle, he hopes to encourage Christians in their walk with God. He challenges believers to have brotherly love, keep following God's commands, and keep their minds focused on what was important. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Greeting Other Christians (vs.1-3)

- A. John speaks to the elect lady and her children (v.1).
- B. John loves the elect lady and her children (v.2).
- C. John blesses the elect lady and her children (v.3).
 - He speaks of grace, mercy, peace, love, and truth.

II. Commending Other Christians (v.4)

- A. John commends the church for following the way of truth (v.4).
- B. John commends the church for some having obedience (v.4).

III. Challenging Other Christians (vs.5-6)

- A. John challenges the church to remember the commandment to love (v.5).
- B. John challenges the church to understand love (v.5).
- C. John challenges the church to live a life of love (v.6).

IV. Warning Other Christians (vs.7-11)

- A. John warns of deceivers and antichrists (v.7).
- B. John warns of losing their work and their reward (v.8).
- C. John warns of straying from the doctrine of Christ (v.9).
- D. John warns of false teachers (v.10).
- E. John warns of improper fellowship (v.11).

V. Encouraging Other Christians (vs.12-13)

- A. John wanted to encourage the brethren with his pen (v.12).
- B. John wanted to encourage the brethren with his presence (v.13)
- C. John passes on a word of encouragement from a sister congregation (v.13).

<u>Conclusion</u>: In this letter, John addresses the need for all followers of Christ to walk with the Lord and not follow their own way. It is very important for us to stay focused or we will lose our direction. Are you walking with God?