

LIVING IN TRUTH AND LOVE

The Epistle of 2nd John

The Introduction

2 John 1-3

I. The Format of the Epistle.

“The second and third Epistles of John present us with the closest approximations in the New Testament to the conventional letter-form of the contemporary Graeco-Roman world.” FF Bruce

- A. The Introduction. vv.1-3 (address and greeting)
- B. The Main Body. vv.4-11 (message of exhortation)
- C. The Conclusion. vv.12,13

II. The Author and Recipients of the Epistle. vv.1,2

- A. Identifying the author: “*The Elder*” v.1
Cf. Jn.13:23; 18:16; 20:3,4,8; 3 Jn.1

- B. Identifying the recipients: ‘*the elect lady and her children*’

Person or personification?
Cf. 2 Cor.11:2; Eph.5:25ff.; 1 Pet.5:13; Rev.21:2

- C. Her unique identity: “*elect lady*”
Cf. Rom.16:13; Eph.1:3-5; 1 Thess.1:2ff.; 2 Thess.2:13

III. The Glorious Salutation of the Epistle. v.3