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Outline of the Bible Book of 2 John

2 John = Truth

**[God Is Profuse]
Blueprint for Redemption**

I. Know the Cross **2 John 1-6**

A. **One Defining Characteristic 2 John 1-4**

1. Singular Mom and her children **1-2**
 - a) loved by John in truth **1a**
 - b) loved by "also all those who have known the truth" **1b**
 - c) truth in Christians causes common love **2**
2. Deserving of wishes for the best from God **3**
3. Delectable mention, well-earned **4**

B. **Many Decisions Contained 2 John 5-6**

1. One leading commandment: "love one another" **5 cf John 15:12-17**
2. Love = obey His commandments **6 cf John 14:15; 1 John 5:3**
3. *[Therefore, NO commandment from God hinders love; AND It is IMPOSSIBLE to love God by "faith only"]*

II. Know Double Crossers **2 John 7-11**

A. **Many Deceivers 2 John 7-9**

1. "Antichrist" doctrines deny Jesus Christ's earthly life **7 cf John 16:28**

- a) **Jews** who yet look for the Messiah;
 - b) **Muslims** who obey Mohammed as God's last prophet;
 - c) **Catholics** (Roman, Greek Orthodox, or Church of England) who obey earthly usurpers of Christ's throne;
 - d) **Denominationalists** who await Jesus' enthronement in Jerusalem;
 - e) "**Buddhists**" who follow only Siddhartha Gautama's teachings;
 - f) "**Oneness**" churches (Muslim, Pentecostal, Holiness, Jews, et.al., who cannot conceive of "God in the flesh" on the cross;
 - g) **Atheists, agnostics, and idolaters** who admit of NO "god" capable of such a miraculous existence on earth!
2. Christians Beware, lest we lose our "full reward" **8**
 3. The "doctrine of Christ..." **9**
 - a) will be "crossed over" by claimers who "progress;"
 - b) will be "transgressed" by spiritual rebels who regress;
 - c) only abides in those who abide in it **cf John 8:30-32**

B. One Defensive Rule 2 John 10-11

1. Identify a person by his/her doctrine **10a**
2. Refuse endorsement **10b**
 - a) does NOT forbid "hospitality" to strangers **cf Hebrews 13:2**
 - b) DOES forbid buying chances, yard-sale donations, contributions, in any form that constitute support of "deceivers" **cf 1 John 2:18-19; 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:3;**
3. Or "share in" ("fellowship") in evil deeds **11 cf Romans 1:28-32**

III. Know John's Crossing **2 John 12-13**

A. *Many Things Omitted* **2 John 12**

1. Holy Spirit did not guide Apostles to write everything they could, but only those necessary for salvation **12a cf John 20:30-31; 21:25**
2. Written communication ("paper" (chartou) and "ink" (melanos) is good
3. Oral communication is best! **12b**
4. Purpose is to help Christians have full joy **12c cf John 15:11; 17:13**

B. *Some Definitely Committed* **2 John 13**

John's Joists:

* **2 John** includes many verse(s) from **1 John**:

- a) **1 = 3:18-19**
- b) **2 = 2:20, 27**
- c) **4 = 1:6,7; 2:6; 3 John 3-4**
- d) **5 = 2:7**
- e) **6 = 5:2-3; 3:22-23**
- f) **7 = 3:16, 23; 2:26; 4:2-3; 2:18, 22**
- g) **8 = 1:3; 4:6**
- h) **9 = 2:23; 5:12**
- i) **10 = 4:2-3**
- j) **12 = 1:4**

* "**Grace, mercy, and peace**" only occur as a greeting here, and by Paul in **1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4**. "Grace" is God's **means** of salvation; "mercy" is God's **motive** for salvation; "peace" is humanity's **mimicry** through faithful obedience. **cf Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 1:2-15**

* "**Antichrist**" is a term found only in **1 & 2 John**:

1. **1 John 2:18** - **tells =when** ("the last hour") NOT "*the last day*" which, in **John**, is clearly identified with the general resurrection of all dead (**6:39-40, 44, 54; 11:24; 12:48**)
cf 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-57. If "*the last days*" were down to "*the last hour*" then these letters were written shortly before AD 70.
When the expression "the last days" occurs, it connotes the end of God's covenant with physical Israel (culminating in Jerusalem's destruction, AD 70) in which:

- (a) the Holy Spirit baptism took place (**Acts 2:1-4, 14-22; cf Joel 2:28-32**);
- (b) sin abounds (**2 Timothy 3:1-5**);
- (c) Jesus is the final Prophet of God (**Hebrews 1:1-3**);
- (d) Jewish trust in wealth corrupts their moral character to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (**James 5:1-6**);
- (e) scoffers who deny the miraculous speak (**2 Peter 3:1-6**).

If these were not true in the 1st century, then Scripture is NOT to be believed that "Jesus is the Christ!"

=and the number (plural) shows it's a doctrine, not one individual!

2. **1 John 2:22** - identifies "antichrist" doctrine as:
= **the same as "a liar" cf John 8:44-45**, and;
= **any doctrine rendering null and void "the Father and the Son" relationship within the Godhead**. **cf** all "Oneness" people

e.g. Jews, Muslims, United Pentecostal, Hindus, Buddhists, Atheists, Agnostics, and all Idolaters.

3. **1 John 4:3** - states that it is NOT one person who believes this, but the "spirit" of false prophets which was "now already in the world."
cf 1 John 4:1-4 THEREFORE THERE COULD BE NO WAITING UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD FOR ANTICHRIST TO APPEAR!!! All who teach otherwise deny the Word of God!
4. **2 John 7** - again stresses *with plurality* that it is NOT just one person, AND *with present tense* that it began occurring in John's day!

5. Those who teach that:

(a)The Jews are god's chosen people over whom Jesus will reign on earth some day, and;

(b)Therefore his earthly mission to establish his kingdom and bring in Gentiles failed, and;

(c)Some individual must yet arise to spearhead the opposition to Christ;

ARE Antichrist by denying that he accomplished what the scriptures (old & new) claim he did!!

Addenda:

Adam Clarke's Commentary on I John 2:18:

Antichrist shall come] "Who is this *antichristos*? Is he the Emperor Domitian, the Gnostics, Nicolaitans, Nazareans, Cerinthians, Romish pontiffs, &c., &c.!"
Ans. Any person, thing, doctrine, system of religion, polity, &c., which is opposed to Christ, and to the spirit and spread of his Gospel, is antichrist. We need not look for this imaginary being in any of the above exclusively. Even Protestantism may have its antichrist as well as Popery. Every man who opposes the spirit of the Gospel, and every teacher and writer who endeavours to lower the Gospel standard to the spirit and taste of the world, is a genuine antichrist, no matter where or among whom he is found. The heresies which sprang up in the days of St. John were the antichrist of that time. As there has been a succession of oppositions to Christianity in its spirit and spread through every age since its promulgation in the world, so there has been a succession of antichrists. We may bring this matter much lower; every enemy of Christ, every one who opposes his reign in the world, in others, or in himself, is an antichrist; and consequently every wicked man is an antichrist. But the name has been generally applied to whatever person or thing systematically opposes Christ and his religion."