

# Preaching and Practicing the Truth

***LOVE ONE ANOTHER***

**2 John**

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# What is truth?

*“the content of Christianity  
as the ultimate truth”*

- 1) Jesus (Eph. 4:21; John 14:6)
- 2) Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7)
- 3) Gospel (Col. 1:5)
- 4) Our responsibility to the truth (1 Pet. 1:22)
- 5) Truth expresses itself in Godly virtues (Eph. 4:24)

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# The main point of 2 John...

- Truth controls how we love.

Ephesians 4:15 but *speaking the truth in love*, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

- Many people want to minimize truth to promote love.
- **Love never compromises the truth.**

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### C. Greeting (3)

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  - A. Practice the truth (4-6)
    - **Love one another** (5)
    - **Obey His commandments** (6)
  - B. Protect the truth (7-11)

***I think this passage deals with hospitality  
not evangelism.***

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## ***The significance of the truth***

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

<sup>32</sup> and you will know the *truth*, and the *truth* will make you free.”

**John 8:31-32**