

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The Second and Third Epistles of John

Both 2 and 3 John reflect similar circumstances. In each book the author warns against the divisiveness of false _____, and encourages genuine believers.

Who wrote it? Not stated, but the apostle John is widely accepted as the author of both books. In both books the author identifies himself as “the _____”.

Date of writing _____ Surrounding Circumstances:

- 2 John is writing to an “_____ lady” to advise her about a heresy and urge her to continue in Christian love.
- 3 John was written to a friend named _____; commending him for his practice of showing hospitality for the sake of the gospel. Both were written from _____.

Key Term – 2 John: _____: Although the word faithful does not appear, this letter is in essence an encouragement to remain faithful to the truth of the gospel in the face of _____.

Key Term – 3 John: _____: The word “truth” is used _____ times. Christians are called on to be committed to the truth and to show hospitality to Christian leaders involved in ministering the truth.

Book Outline 2 John: I. **Abide in God’s _____ (1-6)**

- Salutation (1-3)
- Walk in Truth (4)
- Walk in Love (5, 6)

II. **Abide Not with _____ Teachers (7-13)**

- Doctrine of the False Teachers (7-9)
- Avoid the False Teachers (10, 11)
- Benediction (12, 13)

Book Outline 3 John: I. **The _____ of Gaius (1-8)**

- Salutation (1)
- Godliness of Gaius (2-4)
- Generosity of Gaius (5-8)

2 John:

Summary in one sentence: Those who are faithful to “Christ’s _____” know the Father and the son and will one day be fully rewarded.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

3 John:

Summary in one sentence: Christians are to recognize and to work for the truth of the _____, and one way they do this is to show _____ to Christian ministers that are hard at work.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters – 2 and 3 John: *John* – calls himself “The Elder”; *The Elect Lady* – she and her _____ are loved by many; *The children of the chosen sister* – perhaps members of the church John writes from; *Gaius* – friend whom John writes to in 3 John; *The Name* – _____; the faithful spread His news despite pagan opposition; *Diotrephes* – a church member who wants nothing to do with the _____ gospel; *Demetrius* – spoken of highly, even by “the truth itself”

Verses to Remember: “_____ yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full _____.”
(2 John 1:8)

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may _____ and be in good health, just as your _____ prospers.” (3 John 1:2)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. 2 and 3 John are two of five one chapter books in the Bible. The others are Obadiah, Philemon, and Jude.
 2. In 2 John, John writes about: truth and love, obedience, Antichrist, warnings against false teachers, and abiding in God’s commandments.
 3. 3 John is the shortest book in the Bible.