

For the Sake of the Truth:

2 John 1-2

"The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth;
and not only I, but also all who *have known* the truth,
for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever"

- Why did John use the perfect tense, "all those who have known the truth?"
- John's purpose in writing is "for the sake of (because of) the truth." What does this tell you about...

- John's concerns

He believes the truth is being assailed and the church is at risk.

- John's values

He values truth as a governing foundation for life.

- What we should value

- What does it mean for the truth to "abide in us?" Compare:

- 1 John 2:14

- 1 John 2:27

- 1 John 3:9

- 1 John 3:15

- 1 John 3:17

- 1 John 3:24

- 1 John 4:12

- Truth and love are being assailed. How does Satan assail truth and love in Genesis 3:1-5?

- Truth?

- Love?

- How does he assail truth and love today?

What does all of this say about authentic believers?