

# For the Sake of the Truth:

## 2 John 3 and 4

(3) Grace, mercy *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

(4) I was very glad to find *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment *to do* from the Father.

### 1. John's greeting

- How does John's greeting compare with Paul's?
- Is this a "throw away" line?
- What is "grace?" [This is the only time John uses this term]  
What term does John use instead and why?
- What is "mercy?" [This is the only time John uses this term]  
What corresponds to mercy for John?
- What is "peace?"
- Why does John use the future tense (will be with us)?

### 2. God the Father and Jesus His son are the source

- What is the significance of the way John puts the Father and the Son together?
- What is emphasized in this phrase?  
Why would John make this emphasis?

### 3. In truth and love

- Why the repetition of this phrase?

### 4. John expresses gladness

- What does this say about John?

### 5. John found "some" of her children walking in the truth

- Did John mean "some?"
- What would this imply?

### 6. Walking in truth

- Why this imagery?
- Where else is this imagery used by John?  
How does this help us understand what John means here?
- Why bring this up here?