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**Jesus Is The Undeniable Truth**

2 John 1

**Key Truth:** Because Jesus is the word of God He will always prevail as the absolute truth because this truth is from God.

1. The truth must be accompanied with love.

 A. Love can bring clarity to truth.

 B. Love can soothe the painful reality of truth.

2. The truth should be demonstrated in daily lives.

 A. Our God instructs us to walk in truth. Eph 5:1

 B. Our lives can’t contradict the truth we profess.

 C. The truth should radiate from our lives. Mat 5:16

3. The truth comes with responsibilities.

 A. We must guard against false teachers.

 B. We should discourage others from indulging in

 falsehoods.

 C. Respond with urgency to spread the truth.

4. Enduring the truth comes with many rewards.

 A. The truth will remain with us eternally.

 B. We will experience an abundance of God’s grace,

 mercy and peace.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** While many of us are pondering what gift shall we give this Christmas season, let us strongly consider sharing the free gift God, the Truth.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What might be your response to someone who said, “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you are sincere and loving”?

What might be your response to someone who said, “It doesn’t matter how you live as long as you believe the truth”?

Read 2 JOHN 1-3: In verses 1-3, notice how many times “truth” and “love” are mentioned together. How do we go about loving someone “in the truth” (v. 1)?

What does it mean to love them “because of the truth” (v. 2)?

Do you find it easier to love only those Christians who agree with you? Why or why not?

Read 2 JOHN 4-6: What does it look like to “walk in the truth” (v. 4)? What spiritual disciplines do you currently practice that help you do this? Which do you need to work on?

Read 2 John 7-11: In verses 7-11 the unity of truth and love is applied to our relationships with unbelievers. By denying that Jesus had come in the flesh (v. 7), what biblical truths were the false teachers rejecting?

What false teaching have you been exposed to in your life? What relationship did those experiences have with your local congregation?