

Walking in Truth and Love (2 & 3 John)

1. Introduction & Background

- Who and to Whom?
- When & Where?
- Why?
- What? Key themes

2. Lessons from 2 & 3 John

- Greeting (2Jn 1-3, 3Jn 1-4)
- Main Body (2Jn 4-11, 3Jn 5-12)
 - Commendation (2Jn 4-6, 3Jn 5-8)
 - Warning against (2Jn 7-8, 1Jn 4:1-3, 3Jn 9-10)
 - Central principle (2Jn 9-11, 3Jn 11-12)
- Farewell (2Jn 12-13, 3Jn 13-14)

3. Elaboration: Walking in Truth and Love

- Truth and love reflect the character of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - God is truth, Jesus is truth, truth as a mark of a disciple, God's word is truth, the Holy Spirit (Spirit of truth) guides us into all truth (Deu 32:4, Jn 14:6; 8:31-32; 17:17; 16:13)
 - God is love, Jesus is love, love as a mark of a disciple (1Jn 4:8, Jn 13:34-35, 1Jn 3:14; 4:7)
 - God is rich in mercy and truth; Jesus is full of grace and truth (Ps 86:15; 85:10, Jn 1:14, 17)
- Truth and Love are complementary, not contradictory
 - The cross as the ultimate demonstration of truth and love (1Jn 4:10)
 - We are called, as disciples of Christ, to walk in truth and love (1Pet 2:21, 1Jn 2:6)
 - We are to walk in truth and love in harmony, reflecting God's character (3Jn, 2Jn, 1Cor 8:1; 13:6, Eph 4:15, 1Jn 3:18)

4. Conclusion & Reflection

- Reflection: Have we been walking in truth and love, and intentionally setting spiritual goals to grow and develop in these virtues?