

The Importance of Sound Doctrine in Christian Fellowship

2 John 1:1-13

- I. The Chosen Lady
 - A. Thoughts
 - 1. A prominent woman in the church
 - 2. Mary
 - 3. A code word for a particular local congregation
 - B. We will view this as a local congregation
 - C. The “children” are the members of the congregation
 - D. A call to walk in love and in the truth together
- II. A Warning Against Theological Deception (7-9)
 - A. Deceivers have gone out into the world
 - 1. Implication is “out from the church”
 - 2. As if they are of the faith
 - B. There error here – denial of the Incarnation
 - 1. Key deception
 - 2. The spirit and action of anti-Christ
 - C. We must guard ourselves against these kinds of theological error
 - 1. We do not want to lose ground
 - 2. We want to gain the proper image
- III. How Should The Church Properly Respond To Heresy (10-13)
 - A. A denial of affirmation and support for those who bring this kind of false teaching (do not give the greeting)
 - B. An affirmation and support of this kind of teaching gives personal participation in it
 - C. The importance of these matters for the life of the church