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1 ¹ The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth—and not only I, but also all the ones having known the truth—² because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us to eternity. 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 rejoiced greatly that I found some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received a commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I ask you, lady—not as writing a new commandment to you, but what we have had from the beginning—that we should love one another. ⁶ And this is that love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, the ones not confessing Jesus Christ coming in flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. ⁹ Everyone going beyond and not remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God. The one remaining in the teaching, this one has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house and do not say to him, “Greetings.”

¹¹ For the one saying to him, “Greetings,” shares in his evil deeds.

¹² Having much to write to you, I did not want with paper and ink. However, I hope to come to you and to speak mouth to mouth, so that your joy might be made complete.

¹³ The children of your chosen sister greet you.