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1 *I am John,* the elder. *I am writing this letter* to you, the
congregation *of people* that God has chosen *to belong
to him*. I sincerely love all of you believers. Not only do I
myself love you, but all those who know and accept the
true message *that Jesus taught* also love you. 2 *We love you*
because we have all accepted God's true message. This true
message has become a part of us and will be with us forever.
3 God the Father and Jesus the Messiah, the Father's Son,
will *continue to* act kindly and mercifully toward us and will
make us peaceful. *They will do this because* they are truthful
and they love *us*.

4 I have learned that some of the believers from your
congregation are living according to the true message *that
God has taught us*. That made me very happy. This is just
what our Father commanded us to do.

5 And now, dear congregation, I ask you *to do what God
commanded:* that we should love each other. I am not writing
this to you as a new thing that God has commanded *us to do*.
Instead, we have known this command to love each other
from when we first believed in the Messiah. 6 This is what
it means to love *God and each other*. We should obey what
God commands us to do. This is what God commands you,
to love each other, so you need to do it. You have heard this
from when you first believed in the Messiah.

7 I say this because there are many people in this world
who travel around, deceiving people. These deceptive people
refuse to say that Jesus the Messiah was a man with a human
body. This *teaching* comes from the *original* deceiver, the one
who opposes the Messiah. 8 Be careful so that you do not
*let those teachers deceive you! If you let them deceive you, you
will* lose everything that we have worked for. So be careful
to make sure that you receive the complete benefit! 9 Those
who do not continue to believe and teach the things that the
Messiah taught, but instead believe and teach other things,
do not belong to God. But those who continue to believe and
teach what the Messiah taught do belong to both *God,* our
Father, and to *Jesus,* his Son. 10 So when any teacher comes
to you who does not teach that the Messiah came as a man
with a real body, do not welcome him into your homes! Do
not even greet him *or wish him well in any way, so that you do
not encourage him*. 11 If you greet these people respectfully,
you are helping them to do the evil things that they do.

12 I have much more that I want to say to you. But I have
decided not to write them to you in a letter. Instead, I hope
to be with you soon and to talk with you personally. Then we
will be completely joyful together. 13 Your fellow believers
in the congregation here, whom God has also chosen, greet
you.