

# A POSTCARD FROM A PASTOR 1.

2 John

Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_

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Note three reasons why this book should be read, preached and teach through this small book:

1. First, this epistle *incorporates* both truth and love.
2. Secondly, this epistle *informs* us that truth and love, should always lead to obedience (4-9).
3. Thirdly, this epistle *includes* help in how respond to false teachers (Verses 10-11).

Note this exegesis of this letter in the following ways:

## I. FIRST, NOTICE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WHICH BRINGS A WORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1-4).

A. First, he commends the lady as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 1a)

B. Secondly, he commends her as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 1b-3).

1. First, as a participant in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (Verse 1b).
2. Secondly, as a participant in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (2-3).

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C. Thirdly, he commends her as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 4).

## II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WHICH BRINGS A WORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 5-6).

A. First, notice how Christian love is \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 3).

B. Secondly, note how Christian love is \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 6).

C. Thirdly, consider how Christian love is \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 7c) “... *ye should walk in it.*”

1. First, this distinctiveness is exposed in love \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37-38).
2. Secondly, this distinctiveness is expressed in love \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:39-40).

HOW?

- a. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that love is not an \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:35).
- b. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that love is not an \_\_\_\_\_ (2 John 6).

## III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WHICH BRINGS A WORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ (John 7-11).

3.

A. First, notice the danger of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 7-8).

1. First, he shows how we can \_\_\_\_\_ them (Verse 7).

a. First, note how they are \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 7a).

b. Secondly, notice how they are \_\_\_\_\_ makers (Verse 7b).

c. Thirdly, consider how they are \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 7c).

d. Fourthly, notice how they are \_\_\_\_\_.

e. Fifthly, observe how they are \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 9a) "... *abideth not in the doctrine* ..."

f. Sixthly, see these false teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ (9ab) "... *hath not God.*"

2. Secondly, he shares how we should \_\_\_\_\_ them (Verse 8).

a. First, keep yourselves that you will not lose your \_\_\_\_\_ progress in maturity (Verse 8a).

b. Secondly, keep yourselves that you will not lost a \_\_\_\_\_ reward (Verse 8b).

B. Secondly, note he danger to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 9a).

C. Thirdly, consider the danger at the \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 10-11).

4.

Just how do we keep an arm's length?

1. First, we do it by keeping our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 8a) "*Look to yourselves . . .*"

2. Secondly, we do it by keeping our doors \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 10a)

3. Thirdly, we do it by keeping our wallets \_\_\_\_\_ (10c-11).

4. Fourthly, we do it by keeping our Bibles \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. FOURTHLY, LOOK AT THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WHICH BRINGS SOME WORDS OF \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12-13).**

A. First, note what John is \_\_\_\_\_ to do in the future (Verse 12).

B. Secondly, notice what John has \_\_\_\_\_ to his friends (Verse 13).

**CONCLUSION:**

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God's Word to become a way of life!

2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God's Word, but never separate it from \_\_\_\_\_ the love of Christ

3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ that even godly Christians are never immune to spiritual danger.

4. We must never \_\_\_\_\_ our thinking to the point of believing everyone who speaks in the name of Christ, belongs to Christ.

5. Fifthly, we must understand that when error is \_\_\_\_\_, discerning love must be kept within its bounds.