

2 John 1:4 "Rejoicing in Truth"

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1. Introduction

- a. Christian living must be constantly assessed (~~to be~~)
 - daily checking your Christian life
- b. John looks at a church meeting in a woman's home (2 Jn 1:1-2)
 - they have known the truth
 - they have the truth in themselves
 - the truth remains with Christian forever
- c. John has rejoicing moment
 - because "Christian children" walking in truth
 - observation of blessing of rejoicing

2. Observing Spiritual Rejoicing

- a. Physical rejoicing is temporary
 - Lk 15:8 Joy in God's presence
- b. Spiritual rejoicing is permanent
 - 1 Thess 2:19 crown of rejoicing

3. Parental Revelation

- a. John the elder was aged Apostle John
 - also wrote Gospel of John & Revelation (Apocalypse)
- b. John saw Christians as his spiritual children
 - Christians also see each other as spiritual brothers & sisters
 - family of God
- c. John found woman's "children" conduct pleasing
 - John could see their behavior
 - parent should see & understand their children's character & behavior
- d. Find by instruction
 - 1 Cor 4:14-16 beloved children... copy your parent
 - * only 1 set of parents for children
- e. ~~Find~~ Find by interaction
 - Philp 4:9 things heard & seen; learned & received, do the same

- 3f. Find by involvement
- 1 Cor 11:16 be followers of me as I'm
follower of Christ
- involvement spelled t-i-m-e

4. Scriptural Remembrance

a. Found her children walking in truth

- reformed heart more important than conforming behavior
- James 1:22 be doers & not hearers only

- Jn 15:7 abide (remain) in Jesus

- Jn 15:17 love one another

b. Walking in truth involves:

- Discernment

* Philp 1:9 approve excellent things

* critical thinking - not every idea or thing beneficial to life

- Discipline

* self discipline to walk with God

* behavior starts with thoughts

- Development

* growing up in Christ from spiritual babyhood to mature Christian

* 1 Pet 2:2-3 Newborn babies, pure milk of the Word

* Heb 5:16 solid food of full age (mature adult)

* ~~Heb 5:14~~ Christian senses exercised to discern both good & evil

x 2 Pet 2:1-2 discernment of false prophets & false teachers

x 1 Jn 4:1-3 Do not believe every spirit... many false prophets

x 1 Tim 4:1 seducing spirits & doctrines of demons