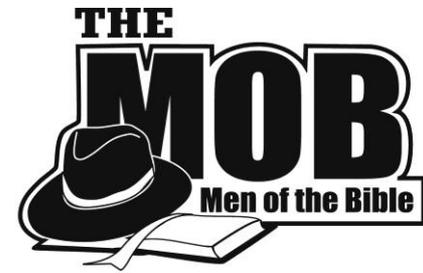




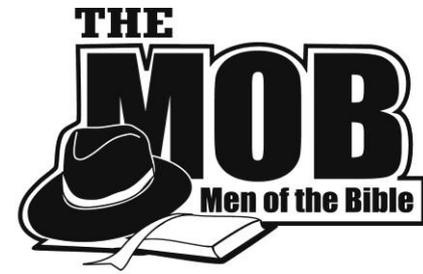
Announcements



- Welcome to MOB!
- IBC membership business meeting, 31 Jan 16, atrium, approve deacons
- 4-5 Mar 16, [Women's Spring Conference](#) at IBC, speaker is Ms. Nancy Guthrie, topic "Can this possibly be God's Good Plan for my life?"
- IBI classes available, range of topics, see www.ibcva.com/ibi for course offerings
- Website: www.ibcmob.net

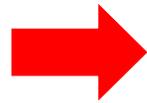


2015 – 2016 Overview



1 John “Fellowship Barometer”

2 Peter “Poison in the Pew”



2 John “Bolt the Door”

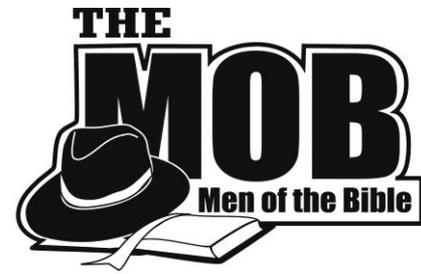
3 John “Open the Door”

Jude “Fight for the Faith”

Daniel “Dreams”



Memory Verse



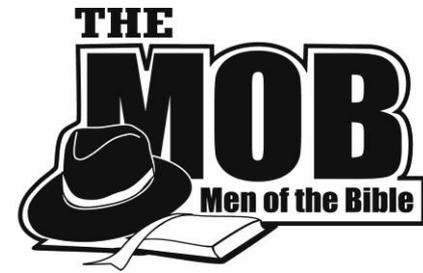
2 John 9 (ESV)

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

2 John 9 (ESV)



Last Week



**The Day of the Lord
Will Come**

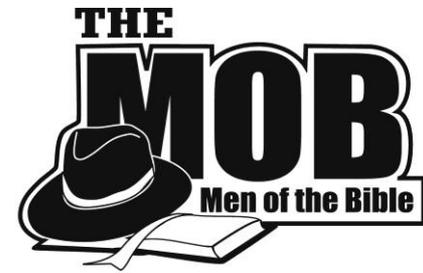
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Final Words

[2 Peter 3:14-18](#)



This Week



Greeting

[2 John 1-3](#)

Walking in Truth and Love

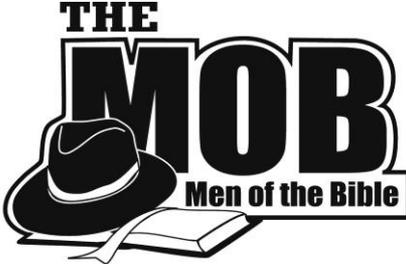
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Final Greetings

[2 John 12-13](#)



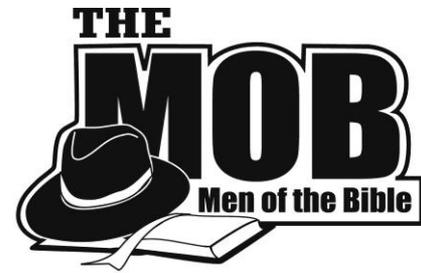
2 John Outline



Focus	Abide in God's Commandments			Abide NOT with False Teachers		
	Reference	1 - 3	4	5 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 11
Division	Salutation	Walk in Truth	Walk in Love	Doctrine of False Teachers	Avoid the False Teachers	Benediction
Topic	Walk in Commandments			Watch for Counterfeits		
	Practice the Truth			Protect the Truth		
Time	Written in Ephesus around 90 AD					



2 John 1-3 (ESV) Greeting

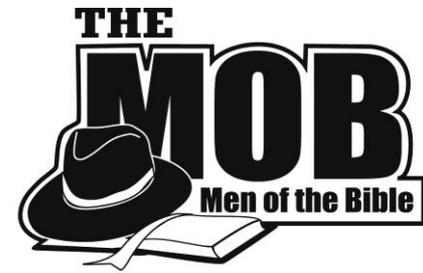


¹ The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ² because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.



2 John 4-11 (ESV) Walking in Truth and Love



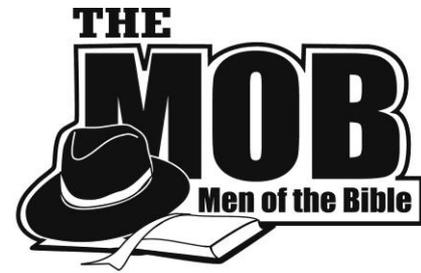
⁴ I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady - not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning - that we love one another.

⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.



2 John 4-11 (ESV) Walking in Truth and Love



⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

⁹ Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God.

Whoever abides in the teaching has both the

Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and

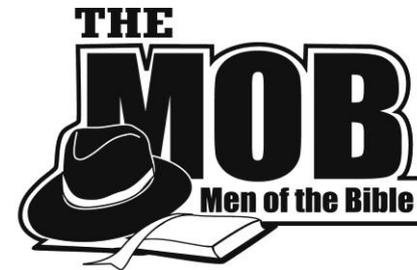
does not bring this teaching, do not receive him

into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for

whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.



2 John 12-13 (ESV) Final Greetings



¹² Though I have much to write to you,
I would rather not use paper and ink.

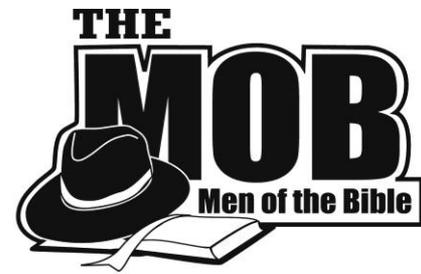
Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face,
so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.



2 John 1-3

Introduction - Observation, Interpretation, Application

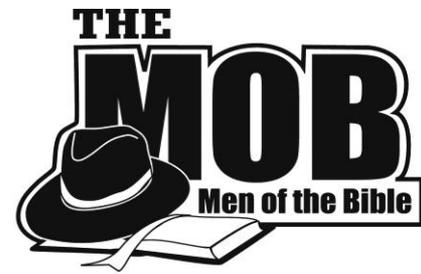


- O: “Truth” used four times in the intro
- I: John opened his letter with this emphasis because there were false teachers spreading error
- A: False teachers exist in every era of Church history. Technology makes us more accessible to false teachers (and vice versa).



2 John 1-3

Introduction - Observation, Interpretation, Application

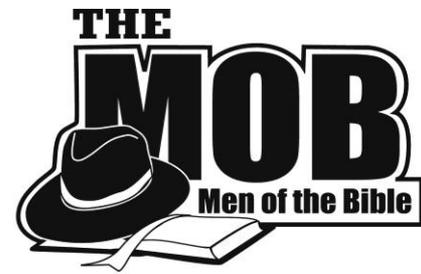


- O: John affirmed the deity of Christ by linking “the Lord Jesus Christ” with “God the Father.”
- I: “I and my Father are One”; the Jews tried to stone Him. ([John 10:30-33](#))
- A: False teachers and their doctrines are exposed when they declare their position on Jesus Christ — then and now.



2 John 4-6

Practice Truth - Observation, Interpretation, Application

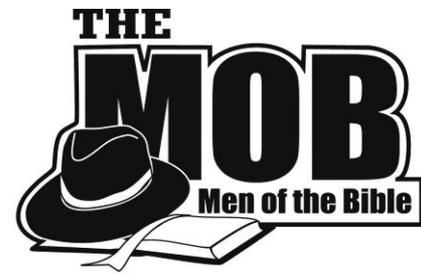


- O: “Command” used 4 times in “Practice”
- I: The Father commanded us to walk in truth and love: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.”
([1 John 5:3](#))
- A: “They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity...”
([2 Peter 2:19](#)) Does this describe our culture?



2 John 4-6

Practice Truth - Observation, Interpretation, Application

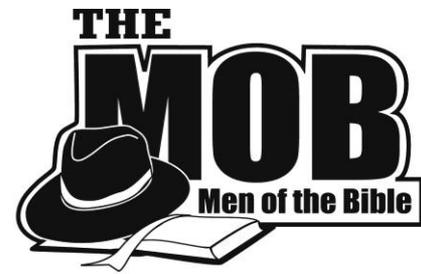


- O: Love one another not new command
- I: Jesus exemplified brotherly love and sent the Spirit to empower our walk.
([Galatians 5:22-23](#) - Fruit of the Spirit)
- A: Our relationship with people reflects our relationship with God. ([1 John 4:20](#))
We are saved by believing the Truth; Love and obedience are evidence of salvation.



2 John 7-11

Protect Truth - Observation, Interpretation, Application

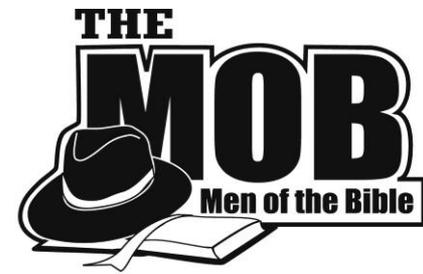


- O: First - practice truth; Next - oppose error
- I: Deceiver does more than teach false doctrine; he leads people to wrong living.
- A: “They went out from us, but they did not did not really belong to us.” ([1 John 2:19](#))
- A: “Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.” ([2 Peter 2:2](#))



2 John 7-11

Protect Truth - Observation, Interpretation, Application

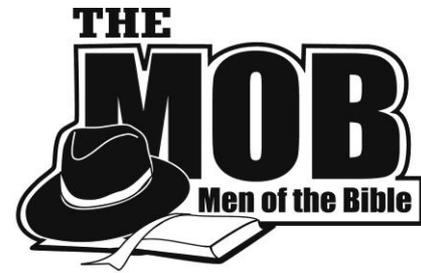


- O: Don't go back ([2 John 8](#)) and don't exceed limits ([2 John 9](#))
- I: Satan and his fallen angels are thieves. Be on guard against attempts to rob you of your full reward ([1 Peter 1:11](#)) and against pride, elitism or hubris. ([John 5:23](#) and [Genesis 3:1](#))
- A: God sent His Spirit to help us grow in learning and applying the Truth / His Word ([John 16:12-16](#))



2 John 7-11

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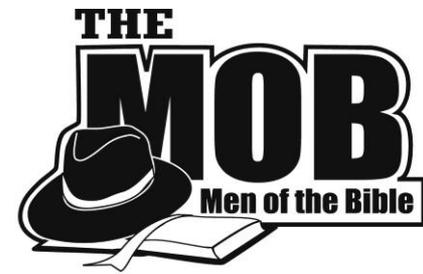


- O: Don't welcome a false teacher; you then share in his evil work. ([2 John 10-11](#))
- I: Christians admonished to show hospitality; John directs us to not support or encourage false teachers (they're NOT OK). If thy reject Christ, then we should reject their message and them.
- A: Avoid false teachers; it is infectious and the example can be used to influence others.



2 John 12-13

Protect Truth - Observation, Interpretation, Application

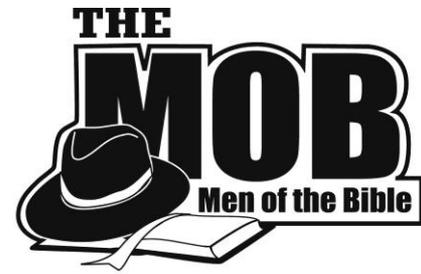


- O: Short note of encouragement & warning.
- I: Provides concise guidance with promise of detailed guidance to be presented in-person.
- A: Schedule and conduct Christian fellowship. Use spiritual discernment. Hold fast to the truth, practice love and obedience.



2 John

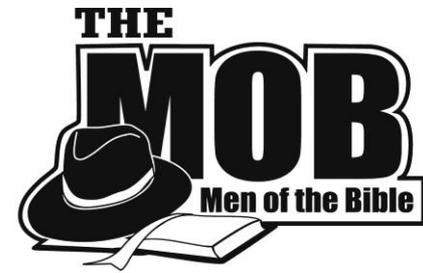
Application / Discussion



- Wiersbe Q8. How is God honored when people obey His Word? What does it mean, in practical terms, to “walk in truth”?
- Wiersbe Q11. What are some of the lies you have let slip into your faith life? Why is it easy to let lies infiltrate our lives? What can you do to prevent false doctrine from tainting the truth?
- Wiersbe Q13. What are some ways you obey God’s Word in your daily life? What are the obstacles to maintaining a diligent faith?



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer