

## From the Elder - 2 John 1:1-13

**Topics:** Believers, Caring, Children, Deceit, Family, Fellowship, God, Jesus Christ, Love, Obedience, Peace, Rewards, Teaching, Truth, Work

### Open It

- \* 1. Who is someone to whom you have written recently?
- 2. Why is starting something (an exercise program, for example) relatively easy, while continuing it is usually more difficult?

### Explore It

- 3. To whom was this letter addressed? (1:1)
- \* 4. Who wrote this letter? Why? (1:1-2)
- 5. What unique characteristic do Christians have? (1:2)
- 6. What did the elder say would be with him in truth and love? (1:3)
- \* 7. What gave the elder great joy? (1:4)
- \* 8. What command did the writer give to his readers? (1:5)
- 9. What is love? (1:6)
- 10. What did many false teachers of John's day deny? (1:7)
- 11. What did the elder encourage his readers to do? (1:8)
- 12. What is true about someone who does or does not continue in the teaching of Christ? (1:9)
- 13. Who was the reader of this letter not to welcome into his or her house? Why? (1:10-11)
- 14. Why did John not want to write all that he had to say? (1:12)
- 15. Who shared in John's greeting? (1:13)

### Get It

- \* 16. In what way does truth live in us?
- 17. When has it given you joy to see another believer walking in the truth?
- 18. How should we show our love for one another?
- \* 19. What does it mean to continue in the teaching of Christ?
- 20. What does it mean not to welcome a person who does not share in the teaching of Christ?
- 21. How would welcoming someone without correct teaching about Christ be sharing in his or her wickedness?
- 22. How can we avoid false teachers without being cold or inhospitable?
- 23. What sort of people should you deny a welcome into your home?

### Apply It

- 24. What specific steps will you take this week to demonstrate your love for other believers?
- \* 25. What can you do today to continue in the teaching of Christ?