

# THE SECOND BOOK OF JOHN

**OT/NT:** New Testament

**SECTION:** General Letters

**TRADITIONAL AUTHOR:** John

**KEY PEOPLE:** John

**SUMMARY:** Canonically, the Second Book of John is the sixty-third book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the fifth of seven [General Letters](#) (2) and the twenty-fourth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). It was written to [encourage](#) (4) all Christians not to lose focus of [Jesus Christ](#) (5) and to warn against persistent [heresy](#) (6).

Written by [John the Elder](#) (7) to house church believers, [1 John](#) (8), [2 John](#), and [3 John](#) echo the [Gospel of John](#) (9). They emphasize that God is light and love and every true believer will demonstrate God's light and love. Each book also addresses deceivers, teachers who no longer acknowledge that Jesus is the [Messiah](#) (10) or Son of God but spread fear and division among believers.

All legitimate teachers will share the Truth ([John 14:6](#)) about Jesus and the [Cross](#) (11), love others sacrificially and spread love and light rather than fear. He also reminds believers to welcome true missionaries who teach the message of the Cross and love others. They should not welcome deceivers or make idols of anything that exalts itself in God's place (b).

**COMING UP:** Next up is the Third Book of John (12). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

## FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
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