



2 John

**New
Testament**

β 63rd book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 0.04% of the verses in the Bible

β The Apostle John

There is an unending amount of teaching about the Bible - books, pamphlets, sermons (physically in person, written, audio and video), devotional notes, blogs, webinars, websites, television programmes etc etc. How do we know what is true, what is being taken out of context and what is just plainly being made up?

This second Epistle from John (written whilst he was in Ephesus) was concerned with the problem of itinerant false teachers and encouraged the recipients to live their lives with an appropriate balance between truth and love. A group of Jews in Berea (in northern Greece) are noted as people who searched and examined the Scriptures to see what Paul the Apostle was saying was true (Acts 17:11).

Facts: This, the shortest book of the Bible, was written around 90AD. It primarily warns against heresy and from associating with those who are false teachers. 'Love' and 'truth' are the two key words.

Paul wrote to his friend and fellow minister Timothy, that he should study God's Word in order to show himself approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15). "Know what his Word says and means" [*The Living Bible*].

In the 21st century it's still excellent to read the Bible regularly. You might read several chapters in one go or you could meditate on just one verse. "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105).

Aim to read the whole book over the next two weeks.