McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: **March 29, 2023**

Study: “Balancing Truth and Love”

Fall Study: Standing Fast in the Last Days: A Study of 2 Peter, 2 & 3 John, and Jude

MAIN BODY OF 2ND JOHN (vss. 4-6 and 7-11).

1. Part One: The  **INNER**  life of the church **(4-6).**

The Message: walk in Truth and Love (vss. 4-6). “Truth” appears 5x (1-4); & “Love” appears 5x (vss. 1-6).

1. Part 2: The  **DOCTRINAL DANGER**  from false teachers threatening the local assembly **(7-11)**. John’s message: *Make sure your love has limits.* Love is not a naïve, uncritical, undiscerning acceptance of anyone who claims to represent Jesus Christ. Our love must be controlled by truth & discernment. We must not “aid and abet” the enemy.
2. Their  **REALITY**  (presence) . . . both then and now.
3. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They went out from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John pointed out three dangers the church and its members face because of deceivers in the world.

1. The danger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)
2. The danger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)
3. The danger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 10, 11)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Be grounded in the truth so that we can be discerning.

What are the fundamentals?

“THREE MEN AND A CHURCH” – A Study of Third John

1. Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. In 2nd John the church is warned not to extend hospitality to false teachers who deny the doctrine of the incarnation and diminish/pervert the person of Jesus Christ.
3. In 3rd John “the elder” commends Gaius for the hospitality he has shown to teachers of the truth, urges him to continue it, and sharply rebukes Diotrephes for his refusal to welcome them and for his opposition to those who wished to.
4. Background:
5. Three men: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1); \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (9); \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (12).
6. Two (Gaius & Diotrephes) are members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church? See verse 9.

“Demetrius” = a travelling teacher/missionary; emissary of “the elder” (John); and bearer of the letter.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Gaius and Demetrius (vss. 1-8, 12).
2. John’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (vs. 1)
3. John’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (vs. 2)

“that you may enjoy good health & that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”

1. John’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (vss. 3-8)
2. He has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s message (vss. 3, 4)
3. Remained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the truth
4. Continued to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the truth
5. He has shown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s messengers (vss. 5-8, 12)

*What’s the motivation for this practical ministry to the saints?*

1. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God (vs. 6)
2. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the lost (vs. 7)
3. It is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God (vs. 8a)
4. We help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth (vs. 8b)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Diotrephes (vss. 9-11).
6. His personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9). “Loves to be first” (present tense = continually)
7. His perverted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 9, 10)

John wrote, “If I come, I will call attention to what he is doing.” John indicted Diotrephes on 4 counts. In each one, the present tense of the verb indicates that these were continual/habitual behaviors.

1. He would not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John (vs. 9)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about John (vs. 10a)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John’s associates (vs. 10b)
4. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those who disagreed with him (vs. 10c)

SOME TAKE AWAYS

1. The workman is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18).
2. Make sure your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 John 7-11).
3. Am I a part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cp. 1 Cor. 11:19).
4. A healthy form of church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and a godly plurality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (“overseers” and “deacons” – Phil. 1:1) will go a long way in preventing men like Diotrephes from causing damage in a local church.
5. We have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form of church government.
6. Our church has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pastors (elders/overseers) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deacons.
7. Every congregation has a resp. to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God ordained leadership (Heb. 13:17).
8. At McCoy, the pastor(s) & deacons are under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the membership of McCoy.