

TRUTH AND LOVE – 2 JOHN

1. Have you ever been in a situation in which telling the truth did not seem like the loving thing to say? What did (or would) you do?
2. *“My wife/hubby/etc wasn’t a religious person – never went to church or anything like that – but was such a good person – never hurt anyone, always kind to others. I’m sure that she/he has now gone to heaven. Isn’t that right?”*
What is the truth?
What is the loving thing to say?
Are they different?
How would you answer?
3. What do you think it means to “love in the truth”? (verse 1)
Is it different to truly loving someone? In what ways?
4. Look at what Jesus said when he was being questioned by Pilate – read John 18:37. Pilate then asked Jesus, “What is truth?” (verse 38)
Jesus gave no reply; perhaps he knew that Pilate wasn’t really looking for an answer.
How would you answer the question?
Is this even a question people today are asking? Why? Why not?
5. What would be the evidence of a person or a church “walking in the truth” (verse 4)?
What evidence do you see - in yourself?
- in your church?
6. • Walking in the truth (verse 4)
• Loving one another (verse 5)
• Obeying God’s commands (verse 6)
How well do you think these statements sum up what it means to be a Christian?
7. How does verse 7 help you to answer question 4 above? Anything you can add to your earlier answer?
8. ‘Deceivers’ will come into the church from time to time. How do we recognise false teaching and false teachers? What should we do about them?