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### *From elder to the lady (1:1-3).*

<sup>1</sup>From the elder, to the special lady and her children.

I truly love you all. It is not just me. Everyone who has known the truth does, also. <sup>2</sup>This is because we stick to the truth. It belongs to us forever.

<sup>3</sup>God, our father, and Jesus the messiah, the father's son, truly and lovingly will give us favor, mercy, and peace.

### *Love each other (1:4-6).*

<sup>4</sup>It made me very happy—I discovered some of your children living genuinely. Similarly, the father gave us a command.

<sup>5</sup>I urge you, lady. I am not writing to you about a new command. It is the one we had from the beginning: Love each other.

<sup>6</sup>This is love: Live by his commands. This is the command. You heard the same from the start: Live by it.

### *Many deceivers withdrew (1:7-11).*

<sup>7</sup>Many deceivers withdrew into the world: They deny that Jesus the messiah physically lived. He is a deceptive opponent of the messiah.

<sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves: Do not destroy your work. Instead, gain a full reward.

<sup>9</sup>Some have gone too far. They do not stick to the teaching about the messiah: Therefore God is not with them. Others stick to the teaching: Both the father and the son are with them.

<sup>10</sup>Suppose someone comes to you. He does not teach this. Do not accept him into your home. Do not welcome him. <sup>11</sup>Welcoming him joins his evil conduct.

### *I hope to visit (1:12-13).*

<sup>12</sup>I have many things to write to you. However, I will not use paper and ink.

Instead, I hope to visit with you. Then we can speak directly. That way, you can be completely happy.

<sup>13</sup>Your children greet you, special sister.