

Who Has the Father and the Son?
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2 John 1:1-13
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“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9—KJV).

“Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9—NRSV).

Jesus declared that He was the truth and He spoke the truth. John recorded Jesus’ teachings as the truth, and John taught that the children of God needed to remain in the teachings of Jesus Christ as reported in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. John would have agreed with the Apostle Paul that “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). John rejoiced every time he found God’s children “walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father” (2 John 1:4). John said that abiding in the teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Bible is an indicator that someone has

the Father and the Son. Therefore, John told everyone to abide in or remain in the teachings of Jesus Christ, and he warned that the children of God faced the danger of being deceived and going beyond the teaching of Christ, of reading too much or too little into His teachings and their application. Churches face the danger of thinking that some of Jesus' teachings need to be changed to conform to a changing culture and they no longer apply to people today. John warned that in spite of what some people may claim there are indications when someone "does not have God." The Apostle Paul warned that some people suppress the truth: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth" (Romans 1:18). – L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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Thinking Further

1. Who do you think is the elect lady and her children?

2. What abides in a true Christian forever according to 2 John 1:1-13?

3. How are Christians supposed to live (walk) and why should they live (walk) that way?

4. According to John, what are some characteristics of a deceiver?

5. What are some of the things people are doing when they welcome a deceiver into their home or church?

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