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The elder, To the chosen lady and her children,
whom I love in the truth — and not I only, but also
all who know the truth — ² because of the truth,
which lives in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and
from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us
in truth and love.

⁴ It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵ And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

2 John 1-6

John -

The Apostle of Love

Love - A Key Theme

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Authentic Love - From God

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and
from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us
in truth and love.

2 John 1:3

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Authentic Love - God's Love

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11

Authentic Love - Christ

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2 John 1:5

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Love One Another - Old Testament

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:18

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Authentic Love - Christ

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

Authentic Love - Christ

But if anyone obeys his word, **God's love** is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: **whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.**

1 John 2:5-6

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

Authentic Love - God's Law

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2 John 1:6

Authentic Love - Essential

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Applying the
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