Questions on 2 John

1. What indication do we have that John was an old man when he wrote this epistle? Verse 1.

2. Do you think the "elect lady" was: (1) a faithful sister in the church; or (2) an allegorical reference to the church? Verse 1.

3. Who would the children of the elect lady be? Verse 1.

4. John and all that had known the truth loved the elect lady and her children (1) because they had a good personality; (2) because they were wealthy and generous; (3) for the truth's sake? Verse 2.

5. What two qualities mentioned in verse 3 seemed to be most important to John in all his epistles? Verse 3.

6. What caused the apostle John to rejoice greatly? Verse 4.

7. Who gave the command to walk "in truth"? Verse 4.

8. What did the apostle beseech (request, entreat, beg, according to Thayer) the elect lady to do? Verse 5.

9. How do we manifest love for God? Verse 6.

10. Who would those be who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh? Verse 7.

11. Why do you think John sometimes refers to antichrists (plural) and here simply "the antichrist" (singular)? Verse 7.

12. Was it possible that the elect lady could lose the things wrought and fail to receive the full reward? Verse 8.

13. What is it the person loses if he goes onward and abides not in the doctrine (teaching, American Standard Version) of Christ? Verse 9.

14. What does the person have if he abides in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ? Verse 9.

15. Is the "doctrine of Christ" simply the teaching about Christ or the teaching of Christ? Verse 9.

16. Is John forbidding hospitality to strangers or forbidding allowing deceivers to spread their pernicious doctrine? Verse 10.

17. What did John tell the "elect lady" to do about those who brought not the doctrine of Christ? Verse 10.

18. Would "your house" be your dwelling or the church house? Verse 10.

19. How would someone become a partaker of the evil deeds of the deceiver? Verse 11.

20. Do you think John's order is to refuse to do anything that would in any way support or encourage false teaching? Verse 11.

21. Why did John want to speak with the "elect lady" face to face? Verse 12.

22. If the elect lady was a church, who was the sister and what did she and her children represent? Verse 13.

23. Why do you think the mother of these "children" was not included in the salutation? Verse 13.

24. How do we know the "sister" was not a nun? Verse 13.