

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

Scripture Reading 2nd John

- 235, Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee
- 243, All things Bright and Beautiful
- All Creatures of our God and King
- Congregational reading: John 14:15-18
- In That Day (Isaiah 12)

Bible Quiz

Announcements and Prayer requests

Greeting

Message in the Word - The letter of 2nd John, Sermon 2
The grace, mercy and peace of God in the Holy Spirit
2 John 2-6

Sending prayer

You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. God's grace and provision motivate His people to give generously to His work and the needs of His Body, as He enables, not under obligation or social pressure.

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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Teaching -

Eric Peterman

The letter of 2nd John, Sermon 2

The grace, mercy and peace of God in the Holy Spirit
2 John 2-6

- March 20th, 2022 -

The letter of 2nd John, Sermon 2

The grace, mercy and peace of God in the Holy Spirit

2 John 2-6

Grace, mercy and peace will be with us – a simple sentence, but deep and rich with meaning, purpose and comfort. As born-again children of God these three graces are ours by birthright. Our fuller enjoyment and deployment of these graces depends on a walk in obeying Christ's commands in the Holy Spirit. Why? Because these graces are personified in the Spirit Who dwells in and with us!

This portion of the letter is John the Elder's explanation and application for the church, of his gospel of John 14:15-31



Look at 2 John 2, “for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever.”

Now lay that alongside John 14:16-17: ¹⁶ “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

Next, look at v3, “Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

This is a continuation and explanation of v2. Three key observations:

1) *The triad of Christian graces (Grace, mercy and peace) “will be with us.” - This connects us to the Person of the Holy Spirit in v2, who “will be with us”. Thus, grace, mercy and peace are found not as abstract concepts or impersonal powers of God, but in the personal indwelling and the abiding-with-us of the Holy Spirit of truth. These are His personal ministry in and with us.*

2) We see here in 3b in parallel with John 14:16, that ...

...the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son.

This draws a powerful portrait of the personal and corporate work of the Persons of the Trinity on our behalf!

It also sheds light on **1 Timothy 1:2**. *Paul is doing more there than sending a nice Facebook blessing, but is invoking the personal work of God's Holy Spirit! See also **Romans 1:7***

On the “peace” of v3, see in Whom this lives in John 14:25-27

vv4-6, Are John's application of both Jesus' instruction in 14:21-24

...**and** Paul's urging in Galatians 5:16-26 to “walk in the Spirit.”

Thus, to obey Christ's commandments in truth and love, is to walk in the Spirit, and *vice versa*. Note that these are not abstract but connected to the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, the author of Scripture.

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Prayer Requests, Praises - Hebrews 4:16

- Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
- Remember those who are ill or aged and cannot meet with us.
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