

## The Salutation of Love

***2 John 1:1 The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, NAS***

Father I get the distinct feeling that John, "The Elder" who is more than likely 90 years old, and closing in on 100 at the time of this writing; is an old friend of Kyria. I am getting to the age where friends are important, just as communication is important. In fact, I of late, (due to the mercy of longevity), embrace the concept that expresses, "The best antiques are old friends."

Which brings me to the realization of my love, how profound is it, is it bottomless, or is my love as formless as a puddle in the road that evaporates soon after the tropic rain Jamaica? Do I love all men equally, and unconditionally, or do I love only those who abide in the truth in God's word?

I notice that John takes his affection a generation further, when he proclaims his affection for Kyria's children also, and I have no reason not to believe, that his love for them in the truth extends to her grandchildren as well-being mentored by their beloved grandmother.

John to me sends a clear message in his salutation of love to his friends who love in the truth, the truth expresses itself, and proclaims itself as a selfless extension of a great sacrifice of one who loved mankind, and gave a His life as an atonement.

Would Paul write to me today with the similar salutation? Would he know me as loving in the truth, Gods Word, which is the ultimate expression of His Son, Jesus, The Christ?

I know my pride would jump at the chance to say "yes," that Paul would indeed consider expressing to my character in such a manner as chosen, and loving in the truth. But my daily prayers, and knowledge of my sin, inform my intellect, and encouraged by my mentoring spirit, that humility is the better part valor. The loving in the truth dictates that repentance *uncovers* a multitude of sins, and restores communication, and fellowship with The Truth

Father what would say to me regarding the salutation of love?

My son I love you in deed, and in truth, the truth is My Sons incarnation, the deeds are My promises of your salvation. I expect nothing less from you, your actions are your deeds, your faith, and confession is your action of sanctification that leads to the truth of your redemption.

My Word from the beginning is not to be construed as intellectual gymnastics, to be scored or rated, as in taking a high dive into dreams and visions of frivolity, with a high score of ten, to obtain the wisdom, and admiration of the world.

My intent is to demonstrate to all in the world through my Son, either He is truth, not just through speculative, theoretical, hypothetical, academic, or hypocritical knowledge, that is the epitome of deception, but will attract the worlds rating of ten.

For the "all who love in My truth" there is no world rating, but there is a value of character that My truth will judge. It is the knowledge gained through faith in loving praise and affection, bathed with trust in My word. It is digesting in love My Word as the truth, not through the tormenting eyes of the speculators, but with a spiritual as well as an experimental relationship with the sacrificing truth of His fellowship

The "all" represent "My children" as a community of faith not merely miming, "I love in truth" but rejoicing in the incarnate atonement, "I love in The Truth."