**Knowing Him in Our Experience**

**1 John 2:3-11**

Two Views of 1 John: Tests of Life or Tests of Fellowship.

Walk thru 1 John 2:3-11

 Only the Godly know God in their experience (vv 3-4)

 Abiding in Christ is manifested in Godliness (5-6)

 Command to love is consistent with coming age (7-8)

 Loving one’s brother is walking in the light (10)

 Hating one’s brother is walking in the darkness (9, 11)

Christian Living Principle One: Eternal Life makes knowing God possible

Christian Living Principle Two: Knowing God is more than being in fellowship with Him

Christian Living Principle Three: Love is the key to knowing God

Christian Living Principle Four: Assurance & knowing God are separate

Christian Living Principle Five: Evangelism & knowing God are separate

Christian Living Principle Six: To abide in Christ is to remain in His teachings

Christian Living Principle Seven: Hating our Christian brothers and sisters is sadly possible

Christian Living Principle Eight: We should give priority to helping our Christian family

Christian Living Principle Nine: Focusing on Jesus’ soon return is vital to knowing Him

The Way the Test of Life View Interprets Verses 3-11 Doesn’t Work

Everlasting Life Is an Opportunity to Know God

**Support the Truth, Not Error**

**2-3 John**

Beta John = No to ***B***ad Teachers

Gamma John = Yes to ***G***ood Teachers

Author and Date

Readers

Key Words and Concepts

2 John = Purpose = Do not support the bad guys

Outline of 2 John

 Salutation (1-3)

 Body: Protect the Truth by Rejecting Error (4-11)

 Walking in love is a way to protect the truth (4-6)

 Protect the truth by opposing false teachers (7-11)

 To help false teachers is to share in their evil deeds (11)

 Farewell (12-13)

Application of 2 John

3 John = Purpose = Support the truth by supporting its representatives

Outline of 3 John

 Salutation (1)

 Body: Uphold the Truth by Supporting Its Representatives (vv 2-12)

Commendation of Gaius’ walk in the truth (2-4)

Encouraging Gaius’ to Support Those who Proclaim the Truth (vv 5-8).

Call to Aid Demetrius despite the opposition of Diotrephes (vv 9-12).

Farewell (vv 13-14).

Application of 3 John