

# **"KEY QUESTIONS WITHIN A BALANCED SALUTATION"**

## **II JOHN 1-3**

### **I. WHO IS THE HUMAN AUTHOR OF THIS SHORT EPISTLE? (Verse 1)**

- A. The Elder
- B. Similarity Of Writing Style To I John
- C. Recognizable Devotional Aspect

### **II. TO WHOM IS THE EPISTLE ADDRESSED? (Verse 1-3)**

- A. It Depends on The Interpretation Of The *"Elect Lady And her Children"*
- B. She Is A Literal Woman With Children Of Natural Birth Who Have Also Become Children of God By Spiritual Birth

### **III. WHAT WAS THE MOTIVATION FOR THE EPISTLE? (Verse 1-11)**

- A. There Arose A Problem Toward The Close Of The First Century As To Where To House An Ever Growing Number Of Itinerant Evangelists
- B. Among These Were An Ever Growing Number Of False Evangelists Who Tried To Capitalize On The Christian Custom Of Charity, Particularly Looking To Take Advantage Of Women

### **IV. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY MESSAGE OF THE EPISTLE? (Verse 1-11)**

- A. It Is Based On The Implied Question Of The Elect Lady To The Apostle John
- B. A Balanced Approach To Love And Truth Spells Genuine Christianity And Is Able To Prevent A Multitude Of Sins, If Not Total Disaster