**One Hit Wonders** (graphic)

**2 John**

(2 John 1-3)

“The elder, To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth—because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, will be with us in **truth and love**.”

(2 John 4-6)

“It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. **I ask that we love one another**. And this is love: that we walk in **obedience** to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you **walk in love**.”

(Matthew 22:36-39)

“’Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: ‘**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **love your neighbor as yourself**.”

A great **commitment** to the Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission** with build a great **church**.

 Love **God**. Love **People**. Love **sharing God** with **people**.

(2 John 7-11)

“I say this because many deceivers who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. **Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist**. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone come to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.”

1. The need for **truth** and **love**.

 **Truth without love** has no capacity, just **brutality**.

 **Love without truth** has no integrity, just **hypocrisy**.

1. The need for the **true gospel**. (Gospel: death, burial, resurrection of Jesus).

(Matthew 7:15-20)

“**Watch out** for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious **wolves**. By their **fruit** you will recognize them.”

(2 Peter 2:1) “But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They **secretly** introduce **destructive heresies**, even denying the sovereign Lord”

**Simple Math**: False teaching is anything that attempts to add, subtract, multiply, or divide anything from the **gospel**.

Falling into false teaching:

1. Focusing on **style** over **substance**.
2. **Biblical illiteracy** hinders discerning truth from error.
3. Not recognizing the **fruit**.

Following the true gospel:

1. Focus on **substance** over style.
2. Measure everything with **Scripture**.
3. Look for **fruitfulness**.

Truth **and** love.