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This is love, **that we walk according to His commandments**. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it. For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, **that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward**. Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

2 John 6-11

OVERVIEW OF 2 JOHN 6-11

- Love demonstrated by walking according to Christ
 - John 14:15
 - John 13:34-35
- Commanded to walk in His doctrine
- Keeping ALL the commandments
 - Matthew 28:18-20
- Commandments of Jesus IS the doctrine of Jesus

OVERVIEW OF 2 JOHN 6-11

- Transgressor taught a different doctrine
 - Doctrine of not confessing Christ as coming in the flesh
- Called a deceiver/anti Christ
- “Look to yourselves”
- Worked hard for the truth and righteousness
- Point summarized:
 - **Transgressor does not love Christ – deceitful**
 - **Lovers of Christ WILL abide in His doctrine**

TRANSGRESSOR DOES NOT HAVE GOD

Transgressor: “to overstep or break a law or commandment” – “to go beyond a limit or boundary” – “to break a law” – “to sin”

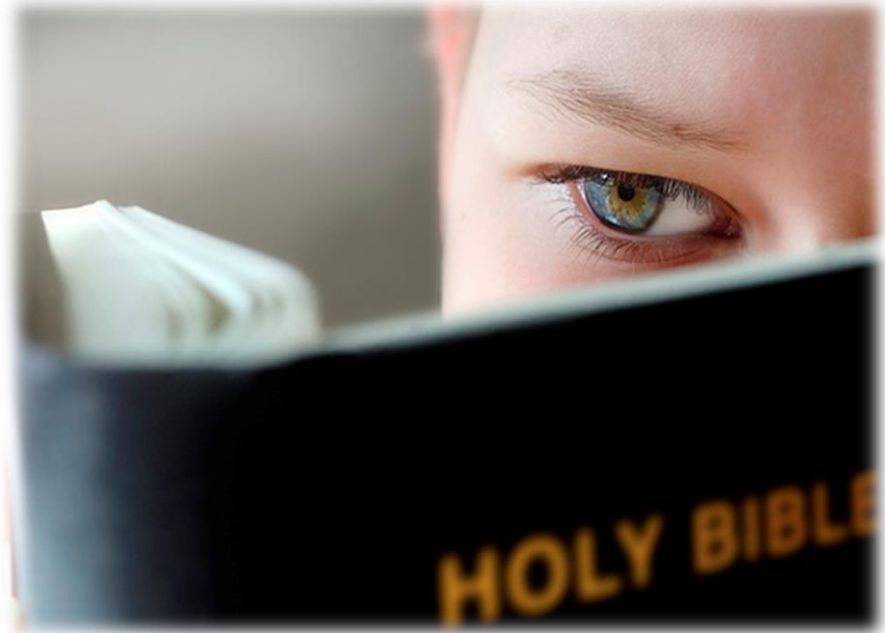
“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

1 John 3:4

- Who is the “transgressor?”
 - One who abides not in the doctrine of Christ
 - One who purposely does anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ

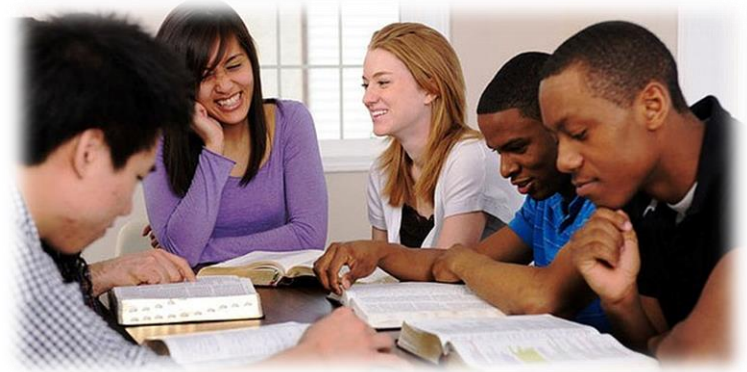
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- Those who “**transgress**” or “**disobey**” will not inherit salvation
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
 - 1 John 4:1
 - Galatians 1:6-9
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9



ABIDER IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST HAS GOD

- To Abide means:
 - “to be steadfast” “remain” “to stay” “to submit to”
- Paul’s encouragement:
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-23
 - Romans 12:1-2
- To abide in Jesus is to be attached to Him
 - John 15:1-11; 8:31



OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO ABIDE IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

- Not to welcome them with open arms
 - encouraging them, or giving the impression that we support their teaching makes us guilty
- Paul's statements:
 - Romans 16:17-18
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6

CONCLUSION

- Salvation can only be gained by those who abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ
- To abide in Christ is to love Christ
 - **John 14:15**
 - **Matthew 7:21**



Believe or Die – **John 8:24**

Repent or Perish – **Luke 13:3**

Confess or Be Denied – **Matthew 10:32-33**

Be Baptized or Be Condemned – **Mark 16:16**