From the elder; To the elect lady and her children, whom I truly love; and not only I, but also all those who know the truth; for the truth that abides in us, will be with us forever. Grace, mercy, peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

I rejoice greatly because I have found some of your children walking in truth, just as the Father commanded us.

Now I beseech you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but one we had from the beginning, that we love one another. Now this is love: that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, so you should walk in it.

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, they who do not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Watch yourselves, that you do not lose the things which we have worked for, but that you receive a full reward. Whoever goes ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. The one who abides in the teaching, that one has both the Father and the Son.

If any one comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting, for he who welcomes him partakes in his evil deeds.

Although I have many things to write to you, I do not want to write them with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be made complete.

The children of your elect sister greet you.