

**October 30, 2022**

2 John 7-13

*Maintaining Joy*

**We maintain the joy of living in Jesus when...**

**We Remember, Just Because You Put a Wheelbarrow in a Garage... (v. 7)**

*“For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist”  
(2 John 7).*

**We Watch Ourselves (but not on TicTok) (v. 8)**

*“Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward” (2 John 8).*

"There is a true progress in the Christian life, but it is progress based upon a deeper knowledge of the historical, biblical Christ. Progress on any other ground may be called progress, but it is a progress that leaves God behind and is, therefore, not progress at all" (James Montgomery Boice).

**We Stand Firm (vv. 9-11)**

*“Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God...for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works” (v. 9a, 11).*

*“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied” (Acts 9:31).*

**We Recognize and Share Grace (vv. 12-13)**

*“Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete” (2 John 12).*

*“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).*

