

SUMMARY CHART OF 2nd John

he identification of the underlying (implied) problem or contradiction to which John is actually responding.

Scripture	Surface Barriers	John's Solutions (Addresses the Deep Problem and not the Surface Barrier)	The Deep Underlying Problem (These are always implied and reveal new information)
<p>1st John 1: 1 - 13</p>	<p>Vss. 1: 7 & 9, WS: The teachings of Christ are the Great Commandment, the Golden Rule, and the Great Commission. These principles were not observed by some of those living in Ephesus. IHOPers Reflections: An IHOPer added Vs. 7 that identifies the Antichrist living among the faithful. Those teaching in this manner have run ahead (not lagging behind), but have gone too far. Another added, Paul often speaks about the carnal natural (our natural inclinations), or our natural ego. Paul refers to being "in the flesh" as representative of our human situation; this puts human sinfulness in the world with the emphasis on our sexual nature and our physical reality.</p>	<p>Vss. 6 & 9B, WS: The teacher that has both At-One-ment and surrender as its goal. IHOPers Reflections: One IHOPer added Vs. 6; this is the command that we are to walk in love.</p>	<p>Vss. 1: 3 and 7C WS: Vs. 3, John notes the possibility that some were not living in "truth and love." Vs. 7, Worldliness and the Antichrist. This problem was well-established in this Early Church and some people were buying into these Gnostic beliefs.</p>