

## THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

<sup>1</sup> The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, in all things I pray that thou mayst prosper and be in health, as thy soul prospereth.

<sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bore witness to thy truth, as thou walkest in truth.

<sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children walk in the truth.

<sup>5</sup> Beloved, thou doest a faithful thing whatever thou doest to the brethren, and that to strangers,

<sup>6</sup> who bore witness of thy love before the church; whom if thou send forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, thou wilt do well.

<sup>7</sup> For in behalf of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> We therefore ought to sustain such persons, that we may be fellow-workers for the truth.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote something to the church; but Diotrefes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not.

<sup>10</sup> Wherefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, he himself doth not receive the brethren, and those that would he forbiddeth, and casteth them out of the church.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

<sup>12</sup> To Demetrius testimony hath been borne by all, and by the truth itself; yea, we also bear witness, and ye know that our witness is true.

<sup>13</sup> I had many things to write to thee, but I do not wish to write to thee with ink and pen;

<sup>14</sup> but I hope to see thee immediately, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

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