

## THE THIRD LETTER OF JOHN

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

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers. <sup>3</sup> For I was overjoyed when the brothers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth and how you walk in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater \*joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

<sup>5</sup> Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you do for the †brothers and for those who are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup> They have testified of your love before the church, and you will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> For they went out for the sake of ‡the Name, receiving nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> Therefore we ought to §receive men like them, so that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

<sup>9</sup> I \*wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to put himself first, does not acknowledge us. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing and the evil accusations of nonsense that he is making against us. And he is not satisfied

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\* **1:4** joy | grace WH † **1:5** brothers and for those who 89.8%  
| brothers, even though they CT 7.6% ‡ **1:7** the Name | his  
name SCR § **1:8** receive 91.4% | support CT 7.6% \* **1:9**  
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with that! He not only refuses to receive the brothers, but also stops those who want to do so and throws them out of the church.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. Whoever does good is of God; whoever does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone, and by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and †you know that our testimony is true.

<sup>13</sup> I have much to ‡write, but I do not want to write to you with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face.

Peace be with you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

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† **1:12** you 61.2% | we PCK 23.2% | you CT 15% ‡ **1:13** write  
| write to you CT

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