

## THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

<sup>1</sup> The Elder vnto the beloven Gayus whom I love in the trueth.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved I wisse in all thinges that thou prosperedest and farest well even as thy soule prospereth.

<sup>3</sup> I reioysed greatly when the brethren came and testified of the trueth that is in the how thou walkest in trouthe.

<sup>4</sup> I have no greater ioye then for to heare howe that my sonnes walke in veritie.

<sup>5</sup> Beloved thou doest faythfully what soever thou doest to the brethren and to straungers

<sup>6</sup> which bare witnes of thy love before all the congregacion. Which brethren when thou bryngest forwardes on their iorney (as it besemeth god) thou shalt do well:

<sup>7</sup> because that for his names sake they went forth and toke nothinge of the gentyls.

<sup>8</sup> We therefore ought to receave soche that we also myght be helpers to the trueth.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote vnto the congregacion: but Diotrephes which loveth to have the preeminence amonge them receaveth vs not.

<sup>10</sup> Wherefore yf I come I will declare his dedes which he doeth iestinge on vs with malicious wordes nether is therewith content. Not only he him silfe receaveth not the brethren: but also he forbiddeth them that wolde and thrusteth them out of the congregacion.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved folowe not that which is evyll but that which is good. He that doeth well is of God: but he that doeth evyll seith not God.

<sup>12</sup> Demetrius hath good reporte of all men and of the trueth: ye and we oure selves also beare recorde and ye knowe that oure recorde is true.

<sup>13</sup> I have many thinges to wryte: but I will not with ynke and penne wryte vnto the.

<sup>14</sup> For I trust I shall shortly se the and we shall speake mouth to mouth. Peace be with the. The lovers salute the. Grete the lovers by name.

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