

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder to the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. ² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. ³ For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. ⁵ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; ⁶ Who have borne testimony of thy charity before the church: whom if thou shalt bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou wilt do well: ⁷ Because for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow-helpers to the truth. ⁹ I wrote to the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. ¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content with that, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church. ¹¹ Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. ¹² Demetrius hath good report by all *men* , and by the truth itself: and we *also* bear testimony; and ye know that our testimony

is true. ¹³ I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write to thee: ¹⁴ But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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