

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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