

Treća Ivanova poslanica

Pozdrav

¹ Starješina Ivan,* dragomu Gaju kojega volim u Istini.

² Dragi moj, molim se da u svemu budeš dobro te da ti je tijelo zdravo kao što znam da ti je zdrava duša.

³ Veoma su me obradovala neka braća koja su došla i posvjedočila mi da živiš čestito i u Istini.

⁴ Za mene nema veće radosti nego kad čujem da moja djeca žive u Istini!

Briga za Božje djelatnike

⁵ Dragi moj, postupaš kao pravi vjernik pomazući braći, i to došljacima.

⁶ Oni su ovdašnjoj Crkvi pričali o tvojim djelima ljubavi. Dobro činiš opskrbljujući ih za put kako je dostoјno Boga.

⁷ Jer oni putuju radi Gospodina[†] i ne primaju ništa od nekršćana.[‡]

⁸ Dužni smo im pružati gostoprимstvo da budemo suradnici Istine.

⁹ O tomu sam ukratko pisao Crkvi, ali Diotref, koji želi biti vođa, ne želi s nama ništa imati.

¹⁰ Kad dođem onamo, spočitnut ću mu ono što čini naklapajući o nama zlobne riječi. Ne samo da odbija prihvativiti braću koja dođu već to zabranjuje

* **1:1** U grčkome: samo *starješina*. † **1:7** U grčkome: *radi Imena*.

‡ **1:7** U grčkome: *od pogana*.

i onima koji bi ih htjeli prihvati i izopćuje ih iz Crkve.

¹¹ Dragi moj, ne povodi se za lošim, nego za dobrim. Tko čini dobro, od Boga je; tko čini zlo, ne poznaje Boga.

¹² O Demetriju svi govore samo najbolje, a i sama Istina govori njemu u prilog. I mi o njemu možemo isto reći, a znaš da mi govorimo istinu.

Zaključak

¹³ Mnogo vam još toga imam kazati, ali ne želim o tomu pisati.

¹⁴ Nadam se da će te uskoro vidjeti, pa ćemo razgovarati licem u lice.

¹⁵ Neka je Božji mir s tobom.

Pozdravljam te prijatelji! Molim te, pozdravi mi pojmenice svakoga našeg prijatelja.

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