

The Third Epistle of John

1 He is glad of Gaius that he walketh in the truth, 8 Exhorteth them to be loving unto the poor Christian in their persecution, 9 Sheweth the unkind dealing of Diotrephes, 12 And the good report of Demetrius.

The Elder unto the beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. 2 Beloved, I wish chiefly that thou prosperedst and faredst well, as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brethren came, and testified of the truth that is in thee, how thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy then this, *that is*, to hear that my sons walk in ^averity.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to ^bstrangers.

6 Which bare witness of thy love before the Churches. Whom if thou bringest of their journey as it ^cbesemeth according to God, thou shalt do well,

7 Because that for his Name's sake they went forth, and

4 a That is, in godly conversation, as they which have both the knowledge and fear of God.

5 b By keeping hospitality.

6 c If you furnish them with necessities toward their journey, knowing that the Lord saith, He that receives you, receives me.

took nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be helpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the Church: but Diotrephes which loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore if I come, I will declare his deeds which he doeth, prateling against us with malicious words, and not therewith content, neither he himself receiveth the brethren, but forbiddeth them that would, and thrusteth them out of the Church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good: he that doeth well, is of God: but he that doeth evil, hath not [^]seen God.

12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we ourselves bear record, and ye know that our record is true.

13 I have many things to write: but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee.

14 For I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak mouth to mouth. Peace *be* with thee. The friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

11 [^] Or, known.