

3 John

CHAPTER 1

1 The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatsoever you do to the brethren, and to strangers;

6 Which have borne witness of your love before the church: whom if you bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, you shall do well:

7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

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

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receives us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and forbids them that would, and casts *them* out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that does evil has not seen God.

12 Demetrius has good report of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and you know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto you:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to you. Our friends salute you. Greet the friends by name.