

The Third Epistle of John

{1:1} The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

{1:2} Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. {1:3} For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. {1:4} I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. {1:5} Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; {1:6} Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: {1:7} Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. {1:8} We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

{1:9} I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. {1:10} Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.

{1:11} 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. {1:12} Demetrius hath good report of all [men,] and of the truth itself: yea, and we [also] bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

{1:13} I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: {1:14} 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.

