

**The Third Epistle of  
John**  
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Salutation

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

Gaius' Hospitality Commended

- 5 ¶ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the  
brethren, and to strangers;  
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:  
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.

The Opposition of Diotrephes

- 9 ¶ I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the  
preeminence 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  
therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and  
forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church.

## The Good Report concerning Demetrius

- 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 of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

## Final Greetings

- 13 ¶ I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto 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.