

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth. ² Beloved, in all things I pray that thou mayst prosper and be in health, as thy soul prospereth. ³ For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bore witness to thy truth, as thou walkest in truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children walk in the truth. ⁵ Beloved, thou doest a faithful thing whatever thou doest to the brethren, and that to strangers, ⁶ who bore witness of thy love before the church; whom if thou send forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, thou wilt do well. ⁷ For in behalf of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the gentiles. ⁸ We therefore ought to sustain such persons, that we may be fellow-workers for the truth. ⁹ I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. ¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, he himself doth not receive the brethren, and those that would he forbiddeth, and casteth them out of the church. ¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; he that doeth evil hath not seen God. ¹² To Demetrius testimony hath been borne by all, and by the truth itself; yea, we also bear witness,

and ye know that our witness is true. ¹³ I had many things to write to thee, but I do not wish to write to thee with ink and pen; ¹⁴ but I hope to see thee immediately, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

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