

The Third Epistle of John

¹The Elder,

To Gaius the beloved, whom I am devoted to in truth:

²Beloved, concerning all things I myself am wishing for you to be prospering and to be healthy, just as also your soul is prospering. ³For I rejoiced greatly over brothers coming and testifying of the truth in you, just as you are walking in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than this: that I am hearing of my children walking in truth.

⁵Beloved, you are doing faithfully whatever you might work for the brothers and for the strangers ⁶who testified of your devotion before the assembly, with reference to whom you will do well, sending them forth worthily of God, ⁷because they went out for the Name, taking nothing from the nations. ⁸We, therefore, are obligated to receive such, so that we might be co-workers with the truth.

⁹I wrote to the assembly, but the one loving pre-eminence over them – Diotrophes – does not receive us. ¹⁰On account of this, if I come, I will recall his works which he does, falsely accusing us with evil words. And not being content with these things, he doesn't receive the brethren, and the ones purposing to do so he is hindering, and he throws them out of the assembly.

¹¹Beloved, do not be imitating the bad, but the good. He who does good is from God. He who does evil has not seen God. ¹²To Demetrius it has been testified by all and by the truth itself. And we also are testifying, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I was having many things to write, but I am not desiring to write to you with ink and pen. ¹⁴But I expect to see you immediately, and we will speak mouth-to-mouth.

Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.