

## 3 JOHN

1 ¶ The elder to the beloved Gaius, <sup>a</sup>whom I love in truth.

2 ¶ Beloved, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I <sup>b</sup>rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in truth.

4 I have no greater <sup>c</sup>joy than to hear that <sup>d</sup>my children walk in the truth.

5 ¶ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and especially for strangers,

6 who have borne witness of your love before the church. You will do well to support them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

7 For they went forth for the sake of the Name, <sup>e</sup>taking nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore, we ought <sup>f</sup>to show hospitality to such men so that we might be fellow workers for the truth.

9 ¶ I wrote to the church, but

Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us.

10 Therefore, if I come I will remember his deeds that he does, <sup>g</sup>unjustly accusing us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who would. And he casts *them* out of the church.

11 ¶ Beloved, <sup>h</sup>do not follow what is evil, but what is good. <sup>i</sup>He who does good is from God. He who does evil has not seen <sup>j</sup>God.

12 Demetrius <sup>k</sup>has a good report from all, and of the truth itself. And we *also* bear testimony, <sup>l</sup>and you know that our testimony is true.

13 ¶ <sup>m</sup>I had many things to write to you, but I will not with ink and pen write *them* to you.

14 But I hope to see you shortly and we will speak face to face. Peace *be* to you. *Our* friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

a 2 Jn 1 b 2 Jn 4 c 1 Th 2:19,20 d 1 Co 4:15 e 1 Co 9:12,15 f Mt 10:40 g Pv 10:8,10 h Ps 34:14; 37:27 i 1 Jn 2:29; 3:10 j 1 Jn 3:10 k 1 Tm 3:7 l Jn 19:35; 21:24 m 2 Jn 12