

3rd John

¹ The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

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

³ For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, *that is*, how you are walking in truth.

⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

⁵ Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially *when they are* strangers;

⁶ and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

⁷ For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

⁸ Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.

⁹ I wrote something to the church; but Diotrefes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.

¹⁰ For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire *to do so* and puts *them* out of the church.

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.

¹² Demetrius has received a *good* testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write *them* to you with pen and ink;

¹⁴ but I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face.

¹⁵ Peace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.