

Third John

Chapter 1

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

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

Because I rejoiced greatly, when the brothers came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do to the brothers and to strangers;

Who have borne witness of your charity before the church:
whom if you bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, you will do well:

Because for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing from the Gentiles {non-Jews}.

We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

I wrote to the church:
but Diotrephes, who loves to have first place among them, does not receive us.

Therefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, speaking against us with malicious words:
and not content to do just that, he himself does not even receive the brothers, and forbids those who would receive them, and casts them out of the church.

Beloved, do not follow that which is evil, but that which is good.
He who does good is of God:
but he who does evil has not seen God.

Demetrius has a good report of all men, and of the truth itself:
yes, and we also bear witness;
and you know that our witness is true.

I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write to you:

But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face.
Peace be to you.
Our friends salute you.
Greet the friends by name.