

*The Third Epistle of the Apostle*  
**JOHN**

**3 John 1**

*1 He commends Gaius for his piety, 5 and hospitality 7 to true preachers, 12 and gives special testimony to the good report of Demetrius.*

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

2 Beloved *one*, in regard to all things, I pray *for* you to prosper and to be in health, even as your soul prospers.

3 ¶ For I rejoiced greatly *at the* coming of *the* brothers, also bearing witness of you in the truth, as you walk in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear my children are walking in truth.

5 Beloved *one*, you do a faithful *thing* whatever you work for the brothers and for the strangers,

6 who in love bore witness of you before *the* assembly, whom you will do well to send forward worthily of God.

7 For on behalf of His name they went out, taking nothing from the nations.

8 Therefore, we ought to entertain such *men*, that we may become co-workers with the truth.

9 ¶ I wrote to the assembly, but the *one* loving to be first of them, Diotrephes, does not receive us.

10 Because of this, if I come, I will recall his works which he does, slandering us with evil words. And not being satisfied *with* these, neither does he receive the brothers; and the *ones* purposing *it* he stops, and thrusts *them* out from the assembly.

11 Beloved *one*, do not imitate the bad, but the good. The *one* doing good is of God; but the *one* doing evil has not seen God.

12 ¶ Witness has been borne to Demetrius by all, and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I do not desire to write by means of pen and ink.

14 But I am hoping to see you at once, and we will speak mouth to mouth. Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.