**The Third Epistle of John**

**3 John**

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

2Beloved, I pray that in all respects you are doing well and that you are in good health, in the same way that your soul is doing well. 3For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers and sisters came and testified to your *faithfulness to the* truth—how you are walking in the truth. 4I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

5Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing in whatever you accomplish for the brothers and sisters, even *when they are* strangers. 6They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. 7For they went out on behalf of the Name,[[1]](#footnote-12706) receiving nothing from the Gentiles. 8Therefore we have an obligation to support people like these so that we become fellow workers for the truth.

9I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us. 10Therefore, when I come, I will call attention to the works that he is doing, falsely accusing us with malicious words. And not *just* being content with that, he himself does not receive the brothers and sisters, and he stops those who intend *to receive them* and throws *them* out of the church.

11Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. The one who does what is good is *born of* God, the one who does evil has not seen God. 12Demetrius has received a *favorable* testimony by everyone and by the truth itself, and we also testify, and you know that our testimony is true.

13I have many things to write to you, but I do not want to write *them* to you with ink and pen.[[2]](#footnote-21300) 14Instead, I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.[[3]](#footnote-21625)

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

1. “The Name” refers to Jesus. [↑](#footnote-ref-12706)
2. Lit. “reed” [↑](#footnote-ref-21300)
3. Lit. “mouth to mouth” [↑](#footnote-ref-21625)