

III John

Chapter One

- ¶ 1. The elder to the dearly loved Gaius, whom I truly love.
- ¶ 2. Dear *brother*, I pray for you in every respect to prosper and to be in good health, just as your soul is prospering.
3. For I was overjoyed when brothers came and testified about you in the truth, how you walk in truth.
4. I have no greater joy than to hear *that* my children are walking in the truth.
- ¶ 5. Dear *brother*, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brothers, though strangers *to you*,
6. who testified of your love before the assembly, whom you will do well to send on their way *in a manner* worthy of God,
7. for they set out on behalf of the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
8. We, therefore, ought to support such men, that we might be fellow laborers in the truth.
- ¶ 9. I wrote something to the assembly, but Diotrephes, who likes to be first among them, does not receive us.
10. So, if I come, I will remember his works that he is doing, disparaging us with evil words. And not satisfied with these things, he does not receive the brothers, and he forbids those who would *receive them*, and puts them out of the assembly.
- ¶ 11. Dear *brother*, do not imitate what *is* bad, but what *is* good. He who does good belongs to God; he who does what is bad has not seen God.
12. To Demetrius has testimony been given by everyone and by the truth itself; we ourselves bear *him* witness, and you know that our witness is true.
- ¶ 13. I have many things to write to you, but I do not want to write you with ink and pen.
14. I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face.
15. Peace to you. The friends *here* send you greeting. Greet the friends *there* by name.