

Chapter 1

3 John

1The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. **3**For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. **(A Christian should be faithful in walking in the truth (following Jesus – living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) throughout their life.)** **4**I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; **(One way a Christian can continue to walk in the truth is to provide hospitality and financial support to traveling evangelists.)** **6**Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: **7**Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. **8**We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. **(When a Christian donates to Christian ministries, they become partners in the good works carried out.)**

9I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. **10**Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church.

11Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. **(Instead of following Diotrephes' behavior, John wanted Gaius to continue his good work. A Christian who continues to do good (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) proves they are of God. A professing Christian who once did good but permanently stopped doing so, proved they haven't seen God (weren't really a Christian). (Matthew 13:20-22))** **12**Demetrius hath good report of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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