

3 John 1

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Greeting

- ¹ The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
- ² Beloved, 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.
- ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
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Supporting Fellow Workers

- ⁵ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
- 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.
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Diotrephes and Demetrius

- ⁹ I 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.

11 Beloved, 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.

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.

Final Greetings

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

14 But 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

3 John 1:1

Love: 1 John 3:18. **Parallel theme:** Acts 19:29; 20:4; Romans 16:23; 1 Corinthians 1:14

3 John 1:2 **Parallel theme:** Philippians 2:4; 2:27; James 5:12; 2 Peter 3:18; Revelation 2:9.

Love: 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2:13; 1 Peter 4:8

3 John 1:3

Truth: 3 John 1:4; 2 John 1:2; 1:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:11; Philippians 1:4

3 John 1:4 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 23:24; Isaiah 8:18; Galatians 4:19; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2

Timothy 1:2; Philemon 1:10. **Truth:** 1 Kings 2:4; 3:6; 2 Kings 20:3; Galatians 2:14

3 John 1:5 **Faith:** Luke 12:42; Galatians 6:10. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 3:17

3 John 1:6 **References God:** Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 1 Peter 2:20. **Parallel**

theme: Acts 15:3; 21:5; Romans 15:24; 2 Corinthians 1:16; Philippians 4:14; Titus 3:13

3 John 1:7 **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 9:18; 2 Corinthians 4:5; 12:13; Colossians 1:24;

Revelation 2:3

3 John 1:9 **Parallel theme:** Mark 9:34; Luke 9:48

3 John 1:10 **Word:** Proverbs 10:8; Isaiah 66:5. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:10; Luke 6:22; 2

Corinthians 13:2

3 John 1:11

Evil: Exodus 23:2; Psalms 34:14; 37:27; John 3:20; 1 Peter 3:11. **References God:** Ephesians 5:1.

Parallel theme: John 10:27; 1 John 2:29. **Good:** 1 Peter 3:13. **Love:** 2 Timothy 3:10

3 John 1:12 **Good:** Acts 10:22; 22:12; 1 Timothy 3:7. **Truth:** John 19:35; 21:24. **Parallel theme:** 1 Thessalonians 4:12

3 John 1:13 **Parallel theme:** 2 John 1:12

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