

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF

JOHN

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.

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.

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.

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.