

## Third John

<sup>1</sup> This letter comes from the elder\* to Gaius, my dear friend, whom I love in the truth. <sup>2</sup> My friend, I pray most of all that you're doing well and are in good physical health, for I know you're doing well spiritually.

<sup>3</sup> I was delighted when some fellow-believers arrived and told me about your commitment to the truth, and how you continue living in the truth. <sup>4</sup> Nothing makes me happier than to hear how my dear friends are following the truth. <sup>5</sup> My friend, you show you are trustworthy in what you're doing by looking after the brothers,† even those you don't know. <sup>6</sup> They have spoken well about your love in front of the church. Please be so kind as to send them on their journey in a way that God would appreciate, <sup>7</sup> for they are traveling in his name, not accepting anything from non-believers.‡ <sup>8</sup> We ought to support them so we can share together in the truth.

<sup>9</sup> I did write about this to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves being in charge,§ refuses to accept our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I do visit, I will make it clear what he's been doing. He's been making malicious accusations against us. Not

---

\* **1:1** Usually understood to refer to John, the writer of this letter.

† **1:5** Christian believers traveling around spreading the good news. ‡ **1:7** Literally, "Gentiles." § **1:9** Literally, "loves to be first."

satisfied with doing that, he refuses to welcome any other brothers. He won't let anyone else welcome them either, and throws those who do so out of the church.

<sup>11</sup> My friend, don't imitate what is evil, but what is good. Those who do what's good belong to God; those who do evil don't know God.\*

<sup>12</sup> Everyone speaks well of Demetrius—and the truth does so too! We also speak well of him, and you know we tell the truth. <sup>13</sup> I have so much to say to you, but I don't want to do it in writing with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon so we can talk face to face. <sup>15</sup> May peace be with you! The friends here send their greetings to you. Please personally greet our friends there by name.

---

\* **1:11** Literally, “have not seen God.”

**Free Bible Version**  
**The New Testament and Psalms in the Free Bible**  
**Version translation in American English**

Copyright © 2018 Dr. Jonathan Gallagher

Language: English

Dialect: American

Translation by: Dr. Jonathan Gallagher

This translation is made available to you under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution Share-Alike license 4.0.

You have permission to share and redistribute this Bible translation in any format and to make reasonable revisions and adaptations of this translation, provided that:

You include the above copyright and source information.

If you make any changes to the text, you must indicate that you did so in a way that makes it clear that the original licensor is not necessarily endorsing your changes.

If you redistribute this text, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original.

Pictures included with Scriptures and other documents on this site are licensed just for use with those Scriptures and documents. For other uses, please contact the respective copyright owners.

Note that in addition to the rules above, revising and adapting God's Word involves a great responsibility to be true to God's Word. See Revelation 22:18-19.

2022-11-11

---

PDF generated using Haiola and XeLaTeX on 11 Nov 2022 from source files dated 11 Nov 2022  
db07ba5e-1edb-5225-92f0-5a83694a36a0