

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The Elder vnto the beloven Gayus whom I love in the trueth. ² Beloved I wisshe in all thinges that thou prosperedest and farest well even as thy soule prospereth. ³ I reioysed greatly when the brethren came and testified of the trueth that is in the how thou walkest in trouthe. ⁴ I have no greater ioye then for to heare howe that my sonnes walke in veritie. ⁵ Beloved thou doest faythfully what soever thou doest to the brethren and to straungers ⁶ which bare witnes of thy love before all the congregacion. Which brethren when thou bryngest forwardes on their iorney (as it besemeth god) thou shalt do well: ⁷ because that for his names sake they went forth and toke nothings of the gentyls. ⁸ We therefore ought to receave soche that we also myght be helpers to the trueth. ⁹ I wrote vnto the congregacion: but Diotrephes which loveth to have the preeminence amonge them receaveth vs not. ¹⁰ Wherefore yf I come I will declare his dedes which he doeth iesting on vs with malicious wordes nether is therewith content. Not only he him silfe receaveth not the brethren: but also he forbiddeth them that wolde and thrusteth them out of the congregacion. ¹¹ Beloved folowe not that which is evyll but that which is good. He that doeth well is of God: but he that doeth evyll seith not God. ¹² Demetrius hath good reporte of all men and of the trueth:

ye and we oure selues also beare recorde and ye knowe that oure recorde is true. ¹³ I have many thinges to wryte: but I will not with ynke and penne wryte vnto the. ¹⁴ For I trust I shall shortly se the and we shall speake mouth to mouth. Peace be with the. The lovers salute the. Grete the lovers by name.

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