

The Third Epistle of John

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

2 Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, *even* as thy soul prospereth.

3 For ¹I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness of thee in the truth, *even* as thou walkest in truth. 4 Greater ²joy have I not ³*than* these, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward *them that are* ⁴brethren, *even though they are strangers to you*; 6 who bare witness to thy love before *the* church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward *on their journey* worthily of God: 7 because that ⁵for *the* sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the ⁶Gentile *people*. 8 We therefore ought to ⁷support such, that we may be fellow-workers ⁸for the truth.

9 ⁹I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have *the* pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbiddeth and casteth *them* out of the church.

11 Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 12 Demetrius hath the witness of all *men*, and of ¹⁰the truth *itself*: yes, we also

bear witness; and ¹¹thou knowest that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write *them* to thee with ink and pen: 14 but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face. 15 Peace *be* unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute thou the friends by name.

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¹ *Or possibly*, I rejoice greatly, when brethren come and bear witness unto thy truth,

² B (1243 2298) cop^{bo} vg *almost alone read* grace

³ *Or, than these things*, that I may hear *etc.*

⁴ *So* BANC Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241^{vid} 1243 2344 33^{vid} 322 048 cop (vg). 2298 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read* brethren and toward *them that are* strangers;

⁵ Ψ *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read* for his name's sake

⁶ *A majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read* Gentiles.

⁷ *So* BANC Ψ 1739 1852 *etc.* *A majority of lesser Gk. mss. read* receive

⁸ *Or*, with the truth.

⁹ *So* A \aleph * 1739 1241 (322) arm. C Ψ 1852 (1881 1243 2344 33 vg) *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read* I wrote unto the church: B cop^{sa,bo} *read* Thou didst write somewhat unto the church:

¹⁰ p^{74*vid} A*^{vid} *read* the church C *reads* the church and the truth

¹¹ *So* BANC Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 322 048 *and 62 lesser Gk. mss., cop* vg. 1175 *and 304 lesser Gk. mss. read* ye know 114 *lesser Gk. mss. read* we know