

3 John

Each of the three men John mentions in this book have names that were common in the Graeco-Roman world of the first century. There is no reason to suppose that any of them is the same person as any like-named individual mentioned in other New Testament passages.

What do we learn about Gaius from John's introduction in 1-4? How well did they know each other? Are they peers, or does one have greater status than the other? What was it about Gaius that made John happy?

Recalling 1 John and 2 John, what “truth” is John concerned about protecting and propagating?

What do we know about the “brothers” John speaks of in verses 3, 5, and 10?

We see evidence of a person's *love* for another in what they do for that person. What is the evidence of *faith* (how can you tell whether someone truly has faith in Christ)? [5]

What is “the name”? [7] Why does John mention that the brothers accepted nothing from the pagans?

How do we become coworkers with the missionaries? [8]

What complaint(s) does John have against Diotrephes? [9-10] Are Diotrephes' offenses personal (against John) or ecclesiastical (against the church)?

There are three imperatives (commands) in this short letter from John to Gaius, what are they? [6 and 8, 11, 14]

Demetrius is a great guy! What does it mean that he is endorsed by “the truth itself”? [12]

Next week: Jude.