

## III John

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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,

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**1** Ο (The) πρεσβύτερος (elder), Γαΐω (To Gaius) τῷ (the) ἀγαπητῷ (beloved), ὃν (whom) ἐγὼ (I) ἀγαπῶ (love) ἐν (in) ἀληθείᾳ (truth).

**2** Ἀγαπητέ (Beloved), περὶ (concerning) πάντων (all things) εὐχομαί (I pray) σε (you) εὐδοῦσθαι (to prosper) καὶ (and) ὑγιαίνειν (to be in good health), καθὼς (just as) εὐδοῦταί (prosper) σου (your) ἢ (-) ψυχῇ (soul).

**3** ἐχάρην (I rejoiced) γὰρ (for) λίαν (exceedingly) ἐρχομένων (coming) ἀδελφῶν (of the brothers) καὶ (and) μαρτυρούντων (bearing witness) σου (of your) τῇ (-) ἀληθείᾳ (truth), καθὼς (just as) σὺ (you) ἐν (in) ἀληθείᾳ (truth) περιπατεῖς (are walking).

**4** μειζότεραν (Greater) τούτων (than these things) οὐκ (not) ἔχω (I have) χαρὰν (joy), ἵνα (that) ἀκούω (I should hear of) τὰ (-) ἐμὰ (my) τέκνα (children) ἐν (in) τῇ (the) ἀληθείᾳ (truth) περιπατοῦντα (walking).

**5** Ἀγαπητέ (Beloved), πιστὸν (faithfully) ποιεῖς (you are doing) ὃ (whatever) ἂν (if) ἐργάσῃ (you might have done) εἰς (toward) τοὺς (the) ἀδελφοὺς (brothers), καὶ (and) τοῦτο (they are) ξένους (strangers),

**6** οἱ (who) ἐμαρτύρησάν (testified) σου (of your) τῇ (-) ἀγάπῃ (love) ἐνώπιον (before) ἐκκλησίας (the church), οὓς (whom) καλῶς (well) ποιήσεις (you will do), προπέμψας (having set forward) ἀξίως (worthily) τοῦ (-) Θεοῦ (of God).

**7** ὑπὲρ (On behalf) γὰρ (for) τοῦ (of the) ὀνόματος (name) ἐξῆλθον\* (they went forth), μηδὲν (nothing) λαμβάνοντες (accepting) ἀπὸ (from) τῶν (the) ἐθνικῶν (Gentiles).

**8** ἡμεῖς (We) οὖν (therefore) ὀφείλομεν (ought) ὑπολαμβάνειν (to receive) τοὺς (-) τοιούτους (such men), ἵνα (so that) συνεργοὶ (fellow workers) γινώμεθα (we may be) τῇ (in the) ἀληθείᾳ (truth).

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**9** Ἐγραψά (I have written) τι (something) τῇ (to the) ἐκκλησίᾳ (church); ἀλλ' (but) ὁ (the one) φιλοπρωτεύων (loving to be first) αὐτῶν (among them), Διοτρεφῆς (Diotrephes), οὐκ (not) ἐπιδέχεται (welcomes) ἡμᾶς (us).

**10** διὰ (Because of) τοῦτο (this), ἐὰν (if) ἔλθω (I might come), ὑπομνήσω (I will bring to remembrance) αὐτοῦ (of him) τὰ (the) ἔργα (works) ἃ (which) ποιεῖ (he is doing), λόγοις (with words) πονηροῖς (evil) φλυαρῶν (prating against) ἡμᾶς (us); καὶ (and) μὴ (not) ἀρκούμενος (being satisfied) ἐπὶ (with) τούτοις (these), οὔτε (neither) αὐτὸς (himself) ἐπιδέχεται (he receives) τοὺς (the) ἀδελφοὺς (brothers), καὶ (and) τοὺς (those) βουλομένους (purposing), κωλύει (he forbids), καὶ (and) ἐκ (from) τῆς (the) ἐκκλησίας (church) ἐκβάλλει (he casts them out).

**11** Ἀγαπητέ (Beloved), μὴ (not) μιμοῦ (do imitate) τὸ (what is) κακὸν (evil), ἀλλὰ (but) τὸ (what is) ἀγαθόν (good). ὁ (The one) ἀγαθοποιῶν (doing good), ἐκ (of) τοῦ (-) Θεοῦ (God) ἐστίν (is); ὁ (the one) κακοποιῶν (doing evil), οὐχ (not) ἑώρακεν (has seen) τὸν (-) Θεόν (God).

**12** Δημητρίῳ (To Demetrius) μεμαρτύρηται (witness has been given) ὑπὸ (by) πάντων (all), καὶ (and) ὑπὸ (by) αὐτῆς (itself) τῆς (the) ἀληθείας (truth); καὶ (and) ἡμεῖς (we) δὲ (also) μαρτυροῦμεν (bear witness), καὶ (and) οἶδας (you know) ὅτι (that) ἡ (the) μαρτυρία (testimony) ἡμῶν (of us) ἀληθῆς (true) ἐστίν (is).

**13** Πολλὰ (Many things) εἶχον (I had) γράψαι (to write) σοι (to you), ἀλλ' (but) οὐ (not) θέλω (I desire) διὰ (with) μέλανος (ink) καὶ (and) καλάμου (pen) σοι (to you) γράφειν (to write).

**14** ἐλπίζω (I hope) δὲ (however) εὐθέως (soon), σε (you) ἰδεῖν (to see), καὶ (and) στόμα (mouth) πρὸς (to) στόμα (mouth) λαλήσομεν (we will speak). Εἰρήνη (Peace) σοι (to you). Ἀσπάζονται (Greet) σε (you), οἱ (the) φίλοι (friends). Ἀσπάζου (Greet) τοὺς (the) φίλους (friends) κατ' (by) ὄνομα (name).

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