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## 3 John

Greetings from the Elder.\*

To my dear friend Gaius that I love in the truth\*:

<sup>2</sup>My dear friend, I know that your soul is doing fine. So I pray that you are doing fine in every way. And I pray that you are feeling well. <sup>3</sup>Some brothers <sub>in Christ</sub> came and told me about the truth\* in your life. They told me that you continue to follow the way of truth. This made me very happy. <sup>4</sup>It always gives me the greatest joy when I hear that my children are following the way of truth.

<sup>5</sup>My dear friend, it is good that you continue to help the brothers <sub>in Christ</sub>. You are helping brothers that you don't even know! <sup>6</sup>These brothers told the church (*group of believers*) about the love you have. Please help them to continue their trip. Help them in a way that will please God. <sup>7</sup>These brothers went on their trip to serve Christ. They did not accept any help from people who are not believers. <sup>8</sup>So we should help these brothers. When we help them, we share with their work for the truth.\*

<sup>9</sup>I wrote a letter to the church. But Diotrephes will not listen to what we say. He always wants to be their leader. <sup>10</sup>When I come, I will talk about what Diotrephes is doing. He lies and says evil things about us. But that is not all he does! He refuses to help those brothers <sub>who are working to serve Christ</sub>. Diotrephes also stops those people who want to help the brothers. He makes those people leave the church (*group of believers*).

<sup>11</sup>My dear friend, don't follow what is bad; follow what is good. The person who does what is good is from God. But the person who does evil has never known God.

<sup>12</sup>All the people say good things about Demetrius. And the truth\* agrees with what they say. Also, we say good about him. And you know that what we say is true.

<sup>13</sup>I have many things I want to tell you. But I don't want to use pen and ink. <sup>14</sup>I hope to visit you soon. Then we can be together and talk. <sup>15</sup>Peace to you. The friends (*believers*) here with me send their love. Please give our love to each one of the friends there.

**Elder** This is probably John the apostle. "Elder" means an older man. It can also mean a special leader in the church (like in Titus 1:5).

**truth** The truth or "Good News" about Jesus Christ that joins all believers together.