

3 John 1 – Faithful Instruction to God’s Church

1. This letter was written by John to Gaius, who was probably a convert of John’s. What does John pray for Gaius? In what does he rejoice in Gaius? How does John know that Gaius is walking in the truth? From the previous book, what does John mean when he says Gaius is “walking in the truth”? (See 2 John 1:4-6) (v. 1-4)
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2. How does John think of Gaius? What is the testimony others have borne of Gaius? What does John encourage Gaius to do? If Gaius receives these workers, what share does he have in their labors? (v. 5-8)
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3. What do we learn about Diotrephes? What is he like? What is his attitude toward John and other apostles and teachers? How does he deal with those in the church who wish to receive these apostles and workers for Christ? In John’s eyes, is this good? (v. 9-11)
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4. John warns Gaius of the activities of Diotrephes. Who does he commend to Gaius instead of Diotrephes? v. 12-14)
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