

### 3. John

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. **2** Beloved, I desire that in all things thou shouldest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers.

**3** For I rejoiced exceedingly when the brethren came and bore testimony to thy holding fast the truth, even as *thou* walkest in truth. **4** I have no greater joy than these things that I hear of my children walking in the truth. **5** Beloved, thou doest faithfully in whatever thou mayest have wrought towards the brethren and that strangers, **6** (who have witnessed of thy love before the assembly,) in setting forward whom on their journey worthily of God, thou wilt do well; **7** for for the name have they gone forth, taking nothing of those of the nations. **8** *We* therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow-workers with the truth.

**9** I wrote something to the assembly; but Diotrephes, who loves to have the first place among them, receives us not. **10** For this reason, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he does, babbling against us with wicked words; and not content with these, neither does he himself receive the brethren; and those who would he prevents, and casts them out of the assembly. **11** Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He that does good is of God. He that does evil has not seen God.

**12** Demetrius has witness borne to him by all, and by the truth itself; and *we* also bear witness, and thou knowest that our witness is true. **13** I had many things to write to thee, but I will not with ink and pen write to thee; **14** but I hope soon to see thee, and we will speak mouth to mouth. Peace be to thee. The friends greet thee. Greet the friends by name.