

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

1, 2.	SALUTATION.
3, 4.	WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.
5—8.	COMMENDATION: LOVE TO STRANGERS.
9, 10.	MALICE OF DIOTREPHESES.
11.	EXHORTATION: FOLLOW GOOD.
12.	WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.
13, 14.	SALUTATION.

1 °THE elder *to* the °wellbeloved °Gaius, whom I °love in ... °truth.
2 ¹Beloved, I *pray concerning* all things that thou mayest °prosper and °be in health, even as thy °soul prospereth.
3 For I °rejoiced greatly, when ... brethren came and °testified of *thy* ¹truth, even as thou walkest in ... ¹truth.
4 I have *not* greater °joy *than these things, that I may hear of mine own* °children *walking* in ¹truth.
5 ¹Beloved, thou doest *as a faithful deed* whatsoever thou *worketh that to* the brethren, and *that to* strangers;
6 Which *bare witness* of thy *love in the sight of* the °church: whom *having sent forward worthily of God*, thou shalt do well:
7 *For on behalf of The name* they went forth, *receiving* °nothing of the °Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such, *in order that we may become* °fellowhelpers to the ¹truth.
9 I *wrote something* ¹to the °church: but °Diotrephes, °who *loveth to be first of them*, °receiveth us not.

1 **The elder.** See 2 John 1.
unto = to.
wellbeloved. Ap. 135. III. Same as "beloved", v. 2, &c.
Gaius. It is impossible to say whether this was the same as any one of the others of the same name mentioned Acts 19. 29; 20. 4. Rom. 16. 23. 1 Cor. 1. 14.
love. Ap. 135. I. 1.
in. Ap. 104. viii. **the.** Omit.
truth. See p. 1511.
2 **wish** = pray. Ap. 134. I. 1.
above = concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.
prosper. Gr. *euodoumai*. See Rom. 1. 10.
be in health. Gr. *hugiaino*. See Luke 5. 31.
soul. Ap. 110. v. 1. As Gaius had a sound mind, John desires for him a sound body also.
3 **rejoiced greatly.** See 2 John 4. **the.** Omit.
testified. Gr. *martureo*. See p. 1511.
the truth, &c. Lit. thy truth.
4 **no** = not. Ap. 105. I.
joy. See 1 John 1. 4.
than, &c. Lit. than these things, that (Gr. *hina*) I may hear of.
my = mine own.
children. Ap. 108. i.
walk = walking. **truth** = the truth.
5 **faithfully** = as a faithful (deed). Ap. 150. III.

doest = worketh. **to.** Ap. 104. vi. **to.** The texts read "that to". The brethren referred to were strangers. Cp. Heb. 13. 2.
6 **have borne witness** = bare witness. Same as "testify", v. 3. **charity** = love. Ap. 135. II. 1. **before** = in the sight of.
church. Ap. 186. **if ... journey.** Lit. having sent forward. Gr. *propempe*. See Acts 15. 3. Cp. Ap. 174. 4.
after a godly sort = worthily of God (Ap. 98. I. i. 1.)
7 **Because that** = For. **for, &c.** = on behalf of (Ap. 104. xvii. 1.) His name. **His.** The texts read "the".
taking = receiving. **nothing.** Gr. *medeis*. **of.** Ap. 104. iv. **Gentiles.** Gr. *ethnos*.
8 **that** = in order that. Gr. *hina*. **might** = may. **be** = become. **fellowhelpers.** Gr. *sunergos*. See 1 Cor. 3. 9.
9 **wrote** = wrote something, as the texts. **Diotrephes.** Nothing is known of him. **who loveth, &c.** Gr. *philoproteuo*, love to be first. **among** = of. **receiveth.** Gr. *epidechomai*. Only here and v. 10.

10 *On account of this*, °if I come, I will °remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with °malicious °words: and not content *upon these things*, °neither doth he himself °receive the brethren, and *hindereth the willing ones*, and °casteth *them* out of the °church.

11 °Beloved, °follow not that which *is depraved*, but that which *is* good. He that °doeth good is °of °God: but he that doeth evil hath not °seen °God.

12 Demetrius *is borne witness to by* all *men*, and *by* the °truth itself: yea, and we *also testify*; and *thou knowest* that our *testimony* is °true.

13 I had many things to write, but I *desire* not *by means of* °ink and °pen write °to thee:

14 But I *hope to see thee* °shortly, and we shall °speak °face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. *Salute* the friends by name.

10 **Wherefore** = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.
if. Ap. 118. 1. b.
remember. See John 14. 26.
prating. Gr. *phluareo*. Only here. Cp. 1 Tim. 5. 13.
malicious. Ap. 128. III. 1.
words. Ap. 121. 10.
therewith = upon (Ap. 104. ix. 2) these (things).
neither. Gr. *oute*.
forbiddeth = hindereth, as Luke 11. 52.
them that would. Lit. the willing (ones). Ap. 102. 3.
casteth. Gr. *ekballo*. Cp. John 9. 34. **out of.** Ap. 104. vii.
11 **follow.** See 2 Thess. 3. 7.
evil. Ap. 128. III. 2.
doeth good. Gr. *agathopoieo*. See Acts 14. 17.
of. Ap. 104. vii. **God.** Ap. 98. I. i. 1.
doeth evil. Gr. *kakopoieo*. See Mark 3. 4.
seen. Ap. 133. I. 8.
12 **hath good report** = is borne witness to. See v. 6.
of = by. Ap. 104. xviii. 1.
bear record = testify, v. 3.
ye know. The texts read, "thou knowest". Ap. 132. I. i.

record = testimony. See p. 1511.

true. Ap. 175. 1.

ink. See 2 Cor. 3. 3.

pen. Gr. *kalamos*. Elsewhere transl. "reed".

shortly. Gr. *eutheos*. Generally transl. "immediately", or "straightway".

salute. Gr. *aspazomai*. See Acts 18. 22.

Greet = Salute. Here, as in the close of so many epistles, the word *aspazomai* is transl. by two different English words in successive verses or even in the same verse. Cp. Rom. 16. 3-23. 1 Cor. 16. 19, 20. 2 Cor. 13. 12, 13. Phil. 4. 21. Col. 4. 10, 12, 14. 2 Tim. 4. 19, 21. Tit. 3. 15. 1 Pet. 5. 13, 14.

by. Ap. 104. x. 2.

13 **will.** Ap. 102. 1.

with = by means of. Ap. 104. v. 1.

14 **trust** = hope.

I shall, &c. = to see (Ap. 133. I. 1) thee, &c.

speak. Ap. 121. 7.

face, &c. See 2 John 12.