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# The Tradition of John (3)

## Chapter One

The Presbyter to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, I pray that everything will go well with you and that you'll be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. <sup>3</sup>I was overjoyed when sisters and brothers came and testified about how faithful you are to the truth, just as you live in the truth. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than to hear about my children living in the truth.

<sup>5</sup>Beloved, you are trustworthy in whatever you do for those who are sisters and brothers, even when they're strangers. <sup>6</sup>They've testified about your love before the community. You'll do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of Godde, <sup>7</sup>because for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup>We ought to welcome such people so that we may be co-workers for the truth.

<sup>9</sup>I wrote to the community, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, doesn't accept us. <sup>10</sup>So when I come, I'll remind people of his deeds, spreading malicious nonsense about us. As if that wasn't enough, he doesn't accept the sisters and brothers; and those who would, he stops and throws out of the community.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, don't imitate what's evil, but what's good. Whoever does good is of Godde. Whoever does evil hasn't seen Godde. <sup>12</sup>Demetrius has received favorable testimony from everyone, and even from the truth itself; we also testify, and you know that our testimony is true.

<sup>13</sup>I had much to write to you, but I don't want to write to you with ink and pen. <sup>14</sup>I hope to see you soon and to talk to you face to face. Peace be with you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.