



Our world is getting nastier and meaner by the minute. People are angrily and bitterly dividing over politics, medicine and morality. Folks who have been friends for years are finding all kinds of reasons to forsake one another or fight with one another. Why? Because the pressure is on in our world and everyone is feeling it. This includes churches and Christians. The *external issues* of our time (the pandemic, economics, mental health, fear and anxiety, racism, education, environment, homelessness, moral depravity, relational breakdown, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, etc.) coupled with the *internal spiritual poverty* of our society are creating an environment where people are acting in ways that are creating havoc. How are we, as followers of Jesus, to respond in this historic moment of chaotic need? Well, the *good news* is that the answer is a rather simple one! Choose to impact those around you by living on the basis of **Christlike loveability**. In other words, be so loving to others that your example helps them want to stop acting in hurtful ways and choose to follow Jesus. Today's teaching from the book of **3 John** draws our attention to a **Gaius**, a man who loved others like Jesus. In fact, **Gaius** did it so well that he qualifies to teach us *life lessons on loveability*.

QUICK REVIEW

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ...

1 JOHN ...

2 JOHN ...

3 JOHN ...

THE BOOK OF REVELATION ...

THE STORY BEHIND 3 JOHN

GAIUS "MR. LOVEABLE" UP CLOSE

1. (vv. 1-2) He lovingly drew you in as ...
2. (v. 2) He lovingly invited you into his circle ...
3. (vv. 3-4) He lovingly blessed you as an example of ...
4. (vv. 3-4) He lovingly sought to be a reason ...
5. (v. 5) He lovingly cared for spiritual leaders who ...
6. (v. 6) He lovingly served others in a manner ...
7. (vv. 7-8) He lovingly invested his life in others ...

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

1. (Romans 12:21) The tougher the times, the more ...
2. (Romans 5:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:5) God designed and destined you to have Jesus' love ...
3. (Romans 8:29) The greater our loveability, the greater our ...