



3 John – October 22, 2017
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Three men / Three Lessons

Gaius vv.1-8

He was known as a man whose soul prospered

He built his life on the Word of God

He was generous with his time and resources in support of the ministry of the Gospel.

Diotrephes vv.9-11

He was known as a man who wanted superiority

He was a self-promoter

He was rebellious to spiritual authority

He spoke slander

He was not worthy to be a spiritual role model

Demetrius vv.12-14

He was known as a man to pattern after.

He had a good reputation with others

...those that knew him well
...from John and his associates

He made the Gospel attractive

If your name was included in 3 John, what characteristics would have been listed?

Theology From All Three Letters

The Doctrine of God

God is light.

God is love.

The Doctrine of Sin

The devil is the source of all sin

Sin is universal and comprehensive

Everyone is a sinner and in need of a Savior

The Doctrine of Christ

Jesus is presented as the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus is the true God and eternal life which is a direct affirmation of His deity.

Jesus was fully God and fully man and yet he was sinless.

Jesus was sinless, he was made atonement for the sins of the whole world, he destroyed the devil's work, and this was accomplished by His death on the cross.

The Doctrine of Salvation

The redemptive work of Jesus Christ has made possible our salvation.

By believing and receiving Jesus, one is born again.

Once we experience a new birth, our birth in Christ, one has the ability to do what is right.

In salvation God has come to live in us and we in Him and this leads to transformed living.

Final Thoughts from Apostle John

Faith cannot be separated from obedience and love.

Faith is best expressed in righteous living.

Faith and assurance go together.

The assurance the Apostle John is talking about is of a right standing before God through faith in His Son Jesus.

What is your standing right now before God?