

Note: the epistle begins and ends with personal greetings. B and B' are to do with good reputations for walking in the truth. C and C' contrast rightly receiving and wrongly not receiving the brethren.

A. 1 The elder unto the wellbeloved **Gaius**, whom I love in the **truth**.

B. 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when **the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth**. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth**.

C. 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before **the church**: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. 8 **We therefore ought to receive such**, that we might be fellowhelpers to the **truth**.

C'. 9 I wrote unto **the church**: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, **receiveth us not**. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, **neither doth he himself receive the brethren**, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of **the church**.

B'. 11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 12 Demetrius **hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself**: yea, and we also **bear record**; and ye know that **our record is true**.

A'. 13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto **thee**: 14 But I trust I shall shortly see **thee**, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to **thee**. Our friends salute **thee**. Greet the friends by name.